

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

John Adamovich – Recreation Director

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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 23, 2017

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Pennell Hamilton, Robert Hill, David Lunt, and Dwight Rowland

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Christopher Burr-Bahner, Assistant Pool Director, Anthony Taddei, Country Club Pool Director

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

- 1 Public Comments: **A) none**
- 2 Minutes: **Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016. Pennell Hamilton seconded the motion. All voted in favor. David Lunt abstained. Bob Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016. Pennell Hamilton seconded the motion. Bob stated that it should read “meeting started at 7:00 pm”, instead of “meeting called to order”. All in favor. David Lunt and Dwight Rowland abstained. Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2016. Bob Hill seconded the motion. Under section 2 Pool/Fitness, Bob added that Nancy inquired about extending the hours. All voted in favor.**
- 3 Liaison Reports: (see Country Club)
- 4 Town Plan: Bob mentioned the CUPOP meeting that he attended with John, and Dwight. They provided an update that Recreation needs bays 2 and 3 at the Old Firehouse. The layout was approved four plus years ago. Members of CUPOP did not realize the fitness center was previously approved. Excerpts of the Town Plan were provided. There is an ADHOC committee looking into the project because the STEEP grant for the Old Firehouse is expected to expire in 2018.
- 5 Pool: normal. The broken step on the ladder has been replaced. Swim lessons are going well. An extra lane line has been added for lap swimmers. Chris and Jim explain that we are averaging 25 JCC member swimmers per day.
- 6 Personnel: Gaelen Rhoads, Dausen Fertman, and Christine Delda have applied for Swim Instructors. They have successfully passed their background checks, and national sex offender list. They will make the state of CT minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour. **Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the swim instructors. David Lunt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**
- 7 Fitness Room: John reports that the JCC is still using the treadmills. He has spoken with Allan Greenberg, and it should be about one more week. Their treadmills have been on backorder. It has only been 2 to 3 JCC members using the treadmills. John also reports that we did get 4 members to join our fitness center. The people did not know that it existed and at an affordable price.
- 8 Outdoor Facilities: **A. Walking Trails-** John reports they are in good shape and being used. **B. Multi-Purpose Fields-** The fields are closed, but the playground is open and being used. **C. Skating Rink.** The skating rink is temporarily closed. It was not fully sealed, therefore water is leaking out. **D. Sports -**
- 9 Tennis Courts. The nets are down.

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- 10 Financial – Director’s Reports, Budget Reports: Current expenses are at 62.1% and last year we were at 56.2%. John explained how there were no snow days so far this year, and usually that keeps some expenses down. Current income is at \$97,951.02, 46.0%. The camp income collected before July is included in that figure. Last year we were at 90,971.65, 43.5%
- 11 Programs: New basketball program with the JCC. On Sundays, one team from our Tuesday night league plays two games at Hopkins versus JCC teams.
- 12 Correspondence: A)Field Requests: 1.“Be the Match” “Town Green field” Jim explained it is a light activity. They are using it to set up for their road race event. 2. Amity Youth lacrosse. They cannot use the Pease Rd field on Fridays and the big field on Mondays due to the Woodbridge Soccer Club request. Bob added that the Fred Wolfe Park in Orange has all new lacrosse fields if they need more space. 3. Woodbridge Soccer Club – same request as last year. 4. Milford Amigos adult soccer. Jim explained that the Milford Amigos paid the field usage fee each time last year, for a total of \$375. 5. Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse. Last year they worked it out with the boys request to use Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 at Pease Rd. 6. Amity Softball – same request as every year. 7. Woodbridge Yellow Jackets adult soccer. Same request as each year, 10 a 12 noon, at the big Pease Rd field. 8. Ramy Peress Adult Soccer . They are group of adult residents that use Center Field on Sunday mornings from 9 am to 11 am. They sign the Recreation waiver form to use the field. 9. Beth-Wood Baseball - same request as last year. 10. Amity Ultimate Frisbee – Monday thru Friday , 3pm to 5pm, at the Pease Rd big field. 11. Everson Soccer – same request as last summer. 12. Beth-Wood Softball The conflict is Wednesday evenings because of the Rec. Departments softball program, and they have to work around when Amity softball has its games.
Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the field requests with the exceptions provided. Pennell Hamilton seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Bob Hill made a motion that when we give approval for the spring/summer requests, that the organizations must supply their schedule to the Rec. Department by April 15th, and for the fall requests, they must supply their schedule by September 15th or the Rec. Department reserves the right to pull the permit. Pennell Hamilton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 13 Country Club: a) Thursday at 7pm is the budget presentation. b) Bob reports that Casper discounted the memberships a total of \$7300. c) Important issues at the Country Club are the: 1) Furnace 2) the pumps 3) Backwash system and 4) Sprinkler System. The building cannot be used unless it is repaired. The Fire Marshall is working on a solution. d) If the building cannot be used they are working on an idea of a ramp to go around the building to make the pool ADA accessible. This cost is estimated at \$10,000. It would go where the dumpsters are currently located. It would cost \$20,000 to redo the bathhouses. The estimated cost to take down the building is \$1 million. The proposed budget did not consider the building being open or closed. An idea came up to rent shower trailers. Another concern would be where would we operate out of? Can the pro shop be used? Would we lose the food service provider by not having golf? Can food trucks be brought in? e) Anthony Taddei mentioned that he was going to clean out the lockers and contact those whose belongs he found, to come pick them up. When he went into the locker rooms, he found that the Town opened up the lockers and packed the belongings. Anthony will follow up with building

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maintenance. f) Bob appreciates Anthony's efforts and appreciates Maria's support. Maria mentioned how the Board of Selectmen is supportive of the pool. g) It is anticipated to raise the fees 5% each year. A majority of the new members this past year, were new pool members. We are running a recreational pool. Anthony Taddei inquires, is golf done? Golf is done. There is only a limited time to act before the fairways are lost.

14 Policies and Procedures: none

15 Other Business as may be added to the agenda by a 2/3 vote of the Commission:

Dwight Rowland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pennell Hamilton seconded the motion. All voted in favor Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.