

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 23, 2023

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PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Michael Helfenbein, Smith Mowry, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Theresa Bahner, Pool Director, and Christopher Bahner, Assistant Pool Director,

Board of Selectmen Liaison: David Vogel

Meeting Host: Jon DeMayo, Office Clerk

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Public: none

1) Meeting called to order 7:45 PM

2) Public Comments: none

3) Minutes: **Jane Shernow made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, December 5, 2022. Smith Mowry seconded the motion.** Under item 4, Chairman's report, the last sentence on page one should say "This project is scheduled for late summer/early fall for groundbreaking." On the top of page two "It will be a community and cultural center with a discussion of a gym and multipurpose rooms". Later in that paragraph, "They are looking into the most economical way to expand, either a new wing or use the pool area as possible options." With those changes, **all voted in favor.**

4) Chairman's Report/Vice Chairman's report: A) Andrea thanks to the Rec. Dept. in the mission of trying to keep people healthy, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. A tremendous effort. She acknowledges that Theresa will be setting up programs at the Wellness and Health Center. It is a commitment to the fitness of the townspeople. There is no update on the pool. There will be a walk

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through by the BRS Capital Projects Building Committee on February 1 at Beecher School. Andrea encourages people to continue to send letters to the Board of Selectmen and Rec. Commission regarding the pool. The Community and Cultural Center Committee will have a presentation of their potential plans at the Library, at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 25. She encourages people to bring comments to the meeting. The meeting will be recorded. A wish list will be discussed at the meeting. It could have Rec. offices, and spaces for yoga and other spaces. High school students can potentially have space for student usage. Andrea said this project will happen. She concludes by mentioning the many losses in the Town that have impacted several families in the community, recently.

B) Vice Chair report – Smith said that his son is in 6th grade, now and since kindergarten, he has been involved in 39 different programs. He looks forward to everyday a Rec. He has participated in swimming, basketball, and running club, just to name a few. He thanks Recreation for the time and the programs.

5) Liaison's report- David Vogel mentions that the attention is on the budgets. He mentions that although the Community and Cultural Center will not be coming out of our budget, it does come from tax dollars. It is money from the State that gets support from the First Selectman all the way to Hartford. We haven't heard much from residents due to COVID, but people do need to be heard. He mentioned to the commission to call him for input. David asked John the amounts needed from the ARPA requests that he submitted. John estimates the concrete slab plus fencing will be \$250,000 for the Alegi property. The Pool will be \$800,000. Andrea encourage to get the pool open even if it is just for a few more years. It will benefit swim lessons, the aquatics club, and citizens. Open the pool.

6) Pool – no report

7) Personnel: Elvin Kuru, Chloe Schaffer, Charles Hogan, Michael Kwolek III, and Leela Arvapalli all for Sports Leaders positions. They have passed their background checks and national sex offender list. They will be making minimum wage at \$14.00 per hour. **Smith Mowry made a motion to approve the candidates for Sprots Leaders. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

8) Director's Report:

A) Fitness Center: Now called the Health and Wellness Center, Theresa will be setting up programs. We are up to 25 members. We are hoping for 50. Its is a gathering place for seniors. Beginning next week, it will be open everyday 9am to 12 noon, in addition to 5 to 9 pm during the weeknights, and 8 am to 12 noon on the weekends.

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B) Outdoor Facilities: No sports teams are playing, but the fields are open and the playground is open.

C) Tennis Courts/Skating Rink: Skating rink is currently closed, but the rink was open for 5 days so far. We will have more cold days.

D) Programs and Sports: Assistant Director Dave Cohen does an excellent job. Gymnastics had 37 on Saturday. Rec is a community. Parents and children get a chance to get together and connect. John said that he met with the new Superintendent and he explained how it is a community building. He feels there will be a good relationship with Rec.

E) Financial Report : Expenses through November 2022 are \$246,857.67 that is 46.8% Expenses through November 2021 were \$237,750.73 at 46.8%. Expenses through December 2022 were \$284,287.09 at 53.5%. Expenses through December 2021 were \$281,768.74 at 55.0%. We are still above where we should be, but we are 2% less than were we were last year at this time. Camp is our big expense up front, and then we work our way in line as the year goes on. The income through November 2022, was \$75,034.27 at 30.6%, of that 83.6% of the recreation fees were collected by credit card. Fees collected through November 2021 were \$57,817.47 at 32.0%. Fees collected through December 2022 are \$86,573.60 at 35.4%, of that 84.7% of the recreation fees were collected by credit card. Fees collected through December 2021 were 69,914.19 at 38.7% Jim says that we have 229 enrolled in the winter session. He adds that credit cards are going well, and the new registration system is working well. Smith and Andrea also committed how the new system is much easier to use.

9) Policies and Procedures: - none

10) Correspondence- A) Thank you letter from Human Services Director Jeanette Glicksman for the \$3,000 donation to the Resident Assistance Fund. B) Spring Field requests from James Graham – Woodbridge Yellow Jackets- over 40 adult soccer, Nicole Vigneron – JCC softball program, Dwight Rowland – Beth-Wood Baseball, Mark Aferzon – Sunday morning adult soccer program, Ernest Goodwin - Athletic Director Amity H.S.softball field request, Robert Towers – Amity Little League Softball, William McNeil – Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse, Cormac Byrne, Milford Amigos – Sunday morning adult soccer program, Philip Brunwin-Woodbridge Soccer Club, and Jeanine Capecelatro – Amity Youth Boys Lacrosse, Everson Maciel – Everson Soccer. Jim mentions a couple of conflicts. They were mostly with Everson's request that just came in today. 1) Everson evenings at Pease Road needs to start on July 3 instead of June 19 due to Lacrosse running until June 30. 2) Everson's Sunday request at West River needs to run April 30 to June 11 due to the Beth-Wood Baseball

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schedule. 3) Saturday morning at Center 9 am to 12 – one field for Amity Little League Softball and one for Amity Softball. **With those modifications in the requests, Jane Shernow made a motion to approve the 2023 spring field requests. Smith Mowry seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

11) Other Business-none

Next meeting February 27, 2023 7:30 pm. Town Hall main meeting room and hybrid.

12) Adjournment: **Jane Shernow made a motion to adjourn. Michael Helfenbein seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm.**