

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 22, 2021

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER #7b. SECTION 1, WHICH SUSPENDS THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION, AUDIO AND VIDEO OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE TELEVISED ON youtube@wgatv79 IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO VIEW AND LISTEN TO THE MEETING. YOU MAY ACCESS IT HERE AT:

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PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Mary Alvarado, William DeRosa, Michael Helfenbein, Smith Mowry, and Andrea Weinstein

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

Meeting Host: Jon DeMayo

Recorder: Jim Franco

1) Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

2) Public Comments: no public comments

3) Minutes: **Michael Helfenbein made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, January 25, 2021. Smith Mowry seconded the motion.** Under Minutes, it should say December 7, 2020. All voted in favor. William DeRosa abstained.

4) Liaison report: none present

5) Chairman's Report/Vice Chairman's report: A) Andrea reported that she was on a Community Counsel that met on January 29th and she explained what Recreation has to offer. B) Smith announces that he will have a group of volunteers hiding the scavenger hunt medals on March 7. Jon DeMayo and Jim have stuffed the prize bags. Those that find the medals will need to call the office first, because the School building is locked during the day. Smith saw the write up in the local paper about the scavenger hunt, and the big picture of the medal they posted. Following, Smith said what a really good job the coaches do in the Saturday morning basketball program. Masks are being worn. He thanked everyone involved. John Adamovich thanks Smith and mentions that we are slowly opening up. Andrea heard that the children were wearing masks.

6) Pool: Theresa reports that everyone is following protocol. WAC is doing great. She is working on a plan for summer camp and hopes for a great summer. The pool attendance numbers for Saturday and Sunday are up. More people are swimming. Appoints are a great idea because we get to know how many are coming. Theresa will be figuring out a way to accommodate Boy Scout testing. Open swim is currently not open to children. Group numbers will be allowed to increase on March 19. As far as

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Distance Learning, Theresa has been running story time, and arts and crafts. She has been adjusting the schedule because more parents want programs after work. She gets over fifty views for her online programs. She has added “Weird History” on Wednesday, and “Lego Challenge” on Thursday.

7) Personnel: none

8) Former Country Club Tent and Summer Camp update: John is currently working on a plan for the tent to be presented to the Land Trust at one of their future meetings. The Board of Education will be allowing Recreation to have Summer Camp in Beecher South and Outside. A letter from Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Budd, Ph.D is in the packet. There are more facilities at Beecher, and we will be able to use the pool the last period every day, Monday through Friday. We will also use the North and South fields. Smith mentioned about moving the tent to Beecher. John has a meeting scheduled with the Superintendent to talk about that idea. Andrea’s concern with the tent at Beecher is that Recreation will not be able to use the tent during the school day for programming.

9) Director’s Report:

A) Fitness Center: John will set up a meeting with First Selectman, Beth Heller and Assistant Administrative Officer, Betsy Yagla to discuss opening the Fitness Center and Gym. John said we should be open, but Town Buildings are still not open to the public. He wants to make the Fitness Center, like the Pool, with reservations on the weekends. There will be four time slots. Four people can make a reservation at a time. Two people in each room, at a time. John would also like to see the Center Gym open on the weekends. Reservations at \$50 per hour, two hour sessions, which will cover the cost of the custodian for cleaning. With clean up between each session. There will be a charge for the Gym usage because that is not in the budget, whereas the Fitness Center cost is in the budget. The PD have been using the Fitness Center. One person in one room at a time. They have been doing a great job cleaning.

B) Outdoor Facilities: Currently closed. Covered with snow.

C) Tennis Courts: Currently closed. Covered with snow.

D) Programs and Sports: John reports that Monday is Girls basketball, Tuesday is the Classic Basketball league, Thursday is the Junior High League, Saturday is basketball, and the outdoor sports program. All follow CDC guidelines. Summer camp will now begin on June 28, due to snow days extending the last day of school until June 21. Originally, summer camp was to start on June 21. If there is inclement weather, there will not be camp on that day, and campers will either get a refund or a credit that can be used for any Recreation program and will not expire. Finally, John thanked Dave Reilly, and the Woodbridge Aquatic Club for their program, and Theresa for her online programs. Andrea mentioned that Yoga is having a free yoga week.

E) Financial Report :. The current expenses are at \$142,699.01 45.1% Last year at this time, we were \$373,777.51 65.4%. We should be at 75%. So, we are well within are budget. Current income is \$49,917.74 40.8%. Income at this time last year was \$105,631.55. 43.7%. So, we are just under last year.

10) Policies and Procedures: none

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11) Correspondence-

A) Field Requests. CT Raiders travel softball field request. Daily 5 pm to 8 pm from June 1 to July 31, at Center Field. They will work with Little League softball to coordinate their schedule. They cannot use Wednesday evenings due to the Recreation Department's softball program. JCC softball field request was also included. They are requesting April 18 through September 19, 8:30 am to 11:30 am, Sunday mornings at West River Field. It is the same as every year. Andrea inquired about the JCC reservation. Jim stated that it is an adult softball program. The request came in a month late because they are in transition period with Allan Greenberg no longer at the JCC. Smith Mowry **made a motion to approve the two spring field requests pending CDC regulations. Mary Alvarado seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

12) Other Business: none

Next meeting March 22, 2021 7:00 pm

13) Mary Alvarado **made a motion to adjourn. Smith Mowry seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.**