

# WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

John Adamovich – Recreation Director

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RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 25, 2022

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## PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Mary Alvarado, Bill DeRosa, Kim Hynes, Smith Mowry, Jane Shernow and Andrea Weinstein

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

Board of Selectmen: David Vogel

Meeting Host: Jon DeMayo

Recorder: Jim Franco

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
- 2) Public Comments: no public comments.

3) Minutes: Smith Mowry **made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, February 28, 2022. Mary Alvarado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Jane Shernow abstained.**

4) Liaison report: David Vogel mentioned that renovations will be occurring to the Senior Center. The Regional Water Authority will be providing a water line to the dog park so walkers or those using the dog park have access to water. Smith mentioned that he would like to see water at Acorn fields. Eversource will be trimming trees along the right of ways. There is an ad hoc committee on how to improve the business district along the flats. The Town Meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Town received a grant from the State for the renovations of the old firehouse in the amount of \$2.1 million. John Adamovich added that Ben Arsenault played a role in helping Woodbridge receiving this grant. David added that the old firehouse will become a community center with meeting and yoga rooms. David also added how many departments are offering yoga. Jim added that Recreation has been offering yoga first, and was being offered before he arrived to Recreation over eighteen years ago. John added that the yoga that the Senior Center offers is for seniors.

5) Chairman's Report/Vice Chairman's report: A) Andrea began by mentioning condolences to John Adamovich for the loss of his mother and that was why the March meeting was cancelled. John thanked Andrea. Andrea mentioned that there is an annual scholarship at Amity Regional High School in Anne's name. Andrea attended the

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preliminary budget hearing and there were no questions pertaining to Recreation. John works hard on the budget and still providing services to the community. Andrea mentioned that the clock is working at the Center Building and the loose board was fixed. She did not check to see if the repairs were done to the gazebo. Andrea spoke about the Town bike event on May 14. Jim will check with Betsy if volunteers are needed, along with the route and where Recreation will be handing out the gift bags. John Adamovich clarified that Recreation will be handing out gift bags that contain water bottles, not bottles of water. B) Smith mentioned that Beth Heller asked him to sit on the Firehouse Committee. He took a tour of the fitness center and the old firehouse. 2) The second annual Logan Testa triathlon will be held on June 11. The first one was in 2019 and we had eighty participants. It is open to those children in grades k through 6. It will consist of swimming, biking, and running. Smith thanks Kathy Adamovich for all of her work in obtaining the main sponsors. Jim clarifies that Servpro and Amity Physical Therapy gave \$1250 each to support the Triathlon and the Road Race. He concluded by saying that Recreation will be matching the Lego donations that will be made in Logan's honor. Smith thanks John Adamovich, Jon DeMayo, and Jim.

6) Pool: Theresa states how swim lessons are running well. The maintenance that had been scheduled was postponed until the normal shutdown. All levels are full. We try to accommodate as many students as possible. Theresa added that we have appropriate staffing for the summer.

7) Personnel: Ty Tafuto for sports leader. James Lowman for lifeguard. They both have passed their background checks and sex offender list check. They will be making minimum wage at \$13.00 per hour. **Smith Mowry made a motion to approve Ty Tafuto as sports leader and James Lowman for lifeguard. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

8) Director's Report:

A) Fitness Center: Fine.

B) Outdoor Facilities: Open

C) Tennis Courts: Pickleball going well on court three. Tennis on the other courts.

D) Programs and Sports: Camp registration is over 200. Spring programs have 228 in the regular programs and over 30 in swim lessons. Jim reminds the Commission that Beth-Wood Baseball opening day is this Saturday, April 30.

E) Financial Report: The expenses through March are at \$381,702.11 which is at 73.6%. We should be at 75%. So, we are caught up. Last year at the end of March, we were at \$190,429.14. It was 58.9%. The income through March was \$111,203.55 at 61.6%. Rec. fees that were collected was \$54,811.44. The percentage of which that was paid by credit card is 92.3%. Income at this time last year was \$63,661.07, that is 52.0 %.

F) Emergency Plan: John presents the emergency plan for the Commission to look at and to vote at the next meeting. Mary suggests a table of contents. Jim suggests on page 14 that instead of listing the personnel names involved to list just the specific job titles.

G) Possible Ice Rink locations: John suggests the tennis courts at the former country club property because it can be locked up and the frame can be left up all year round. John

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also mentioned the Allegi property as a possible location but has a concern of possible vandalism. It is the liner that costs \$1,500 to replace. The ice rink was open 14 days this year.

9) Policies and Procedures: none

10) Correspondence- Field Requests: JCC softball field request It will be Sundays at West River. Kim Hynes **made a motion to approve the JCC softball field request. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** B) A copy of John's thank you letter to Dwight Rowland and Beth-Wood Baseball for the \$3,000 annual donation for the purchase of clay materials and miscellaneous safety improvements to the Town's ball fields.

11) Other Business: none

Next meeting May 23, 2022 7 pm in the Beecher South Assembly Room

12) Jane Shernow **a motion to adjourn. Mary Alvarado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.**