

# WOODBRIIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 28, 2021

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## PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Mary Alvarado, William DeRosa, Michael Helfenbein, Kim Hynes, and Andrea Weinstein

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

Board of Selectmen Liaison: Mica Cardozo and newly appointed 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: Kim Hynes **made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, May 24, 2021. Mary Alvarado seconded the motion.** Kucinkas was misspelled under Former Country Club tent. **All voted in favor. Bill DeRosa abstained.**

4) Liaison report: David Vogel introduced himself as the new Board of Selectmen Liaison. He has been a resident for twenty-three years. He was a rowing coach at Yale. Mica had nothing new to report. He was asked about the gazebo and was waiting to hear back from Warren, who needed to check with Adam. Andrea wanted to see it cleaned up for the concerts. The other item was in regards to a color copier. He said to check with Tony. Michael mentioned that Mica has done a great job and has been greatly appreciated. Mica thanked Mike. The Commission and John said good-bye and thank you. David was thanked for attending.

5) Chairman's Report/Vice Chairman's report: A) Andrea was pleased to see that there were no further cuts in the budget than what already had occurred. Andrea thanked Mica for his service. Mica said that everyone was very kind.

6) Pool: Theresa said that it was a great first day of camp. The staff and lifeguards were great. It was safe, and children were tested for their ability. Social distancing was

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observed. Two groups at a time is the capacity, with a maximum of thirty students. Everyone had a good time. There was great communication with Nick. Things went smoothly.

7) Personnel: Bridget Browe and Chandler Dicks for lifeguards. Bridget was for Head lifeguard at \$12.50 per hour. Chandler was a regular lifeguard at \$12.00 per hour. Michael Helfenbein **made a motion to approve lifeguards. Bill DeRosa seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

8) Former Country Club Tent update: The tent is still at the Country Club. The company that was selected came out and said they could not do the job. Jon had sent them pictures of the tent beforehand and the company said that they could do it, but when they arrived, they said that they could not do it. We are waiting for the original company that installed the tent to contact us to see if they can do the job. The tent is 42 feet by 52 feet. It would go near the Beecher North softball field, by the Kucinkas Loop.

9) Summer Concerts: Four concerts this year. The dates will be on Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27. The ice cream truck will be there along with Café Rebelde, which sells such items as coffee, tea, and scones. They currently sell by the grove area during the day.

10) Road Race: Saturday, October 2. Masks will be optional. There will be no barbeque this year. Only individually sealed products will be allowed. The Commission thanked Kathy.

11) Director's Report:

A) Fitness Center: The fitness center expanded its hours to Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm, by appointment, however, if six people are not working out, then walk ins would be accepted. Saturdays and Sundays remained 8:00 am to 1:30 pm.

B) Outdoor Facilities: There was a conflict on one Wednesday evening with softball at Center Field. John explained that while the Rec. Softball league is in progress, only one field can be used. Many years ago, two incidents happened on the field that lead to injuries, that lead to this policy. They may use the batting cage on Wednesday evenings. The Parks have been well attended. Arrows are still in place at the Cornfield. Andrea encouraged people to walk by the gardens.

C) Tennis Courts: The courts are open and are fine. Pickleball is packed. The sport has really taken off.

D) Programs and Sports: The Spring session was well attended and is completed. Masks were worn indoors when a player was not participating, but masks were optional when engaged in the sport. Masks were optional outdoors, also.

E) Summer Camp: Summer Camp opened up. We usually have three to four hundred campers. We have 169 campers this year. We are using only Beecher South. We cannot use indoors of Beecher North School. The game room this year is the South Assembly room. There are 15 in a group. Only the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> groups have twenty campers. John Adamovich is taking on the Nurse duties for week 1, but we will have a shared nurse with the school for weeks two through six.

F) Financial Report :. The current expenses are at \$272,571.05 84.4%. Spending has increased due to the cleaning for COVID, for such items as bathrooms and door handles. Last year at this time, we were at \$469,469.63. It was 81.3%. Jim expressed

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that the current income is \$153,242.73 at 125.1%. The income is greater than we anticipated with the success of the after school programs, and camp registration. Income at this time last year was \$142,430.72 59.0%.

G) Center Gym: We are not in the Center Gym due to no custodian on duty at the times we would use the gym. We hope the custodian schedule will go back to evenings in September.

12) Policies and Procedures: none

13) Correspondence- A) Jim explained that the field requests are the same as every year, with no conflicts. The only new request is for the Empower Her program which will be Saturday, August 28, from 5 pm to 8pm at Center Field. They said they have worked with the Girls Softball Program to organize this program. Michael Helfenbein made a motion to approve the field requests. Mary Alvarado seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

14) Other Business:

Next meeting August 23, 2021 7 pm, and it will be in person.

15) Michael Helfenbein **made a motion to adjourn. Bill DeRosa seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.**