

# Willington Parks and Recreation Commission

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## Committee Minutes

August 28, 2023

**Attending members:** Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Ed Taiman, Stuart Fisher, Bill Bilyak, Steve Swart

**Attending non-members:** James Callaghan, Parks and Recreation Director, Karl Acimovic, Michael Pippin and Family

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

### **II. General Discussion / Present to speak.**

Karl Acimovic presented the plans for drainage repairs to be completed at RRAC.

The work will include raising the walking path approximately one foot and installing a series of drains to channel water under the walking path and exiting into the woods.

Drainage work to include the workout area which will have to be temporarily removed, along with the Batting Cage.

7 new lights (dual head "shoe box and flood") are planned for the walking path.

### **III. Discussion of Michael Pippin Eagle Scout Project at the RRAC**

Michael Pippin gave an update on the status of his Bocce Court project.

John Patton will be donating all the gravel and sand materials needed. Michael has fundraised approximately \$250 towards the anticipated cost of \$360 for the wood and the cost of a set of Bocce balls that will be housed on site for anyone wishing to play. The Parks and Recreation Department will pay the difference.

Michael will mark the site behind the playscape that best fits the area. The Parks and Recreation Commission will check the placement before the tentative start date of Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The permit for construction has been acquired from the zoning dept.

### **IV. Directors Report**

James Callaghan

Summer camp concluded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This year tuition was 50% due to ARPA funding. Approximately 50 campers signed up for the 1<sup>st</sup> session and 44 for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Feedback from parents was good.

Halls Pond has closed for the season. The lifeguards did a good job this year, although there were no swimming lessons.

Next year an attempt will be made to get water certifications to teach swimming.

The Wednesdays-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series has ended, and James mentioned next year we should try to have the food trucks return.

The PTA is sponsoring Trunk or Treat with a planned date of October 27<sup>th</sup> at RRAC.

The bench for RRAC honoring Debbie Kennedy has arrived. Installation is being coordinated with Public Works.

NEU has rented the soccer field at the RRAC on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The New England Independent Sports Association is renting the RRAC soccer field for a volleyball tournament on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> adult baseball ends.

V. No old business.

VI. No new business.

VII. **Adjourn 8:00**

Ed Taiman made a motion to adjourn.

Stuart Fisher seconded.

Next W.P.R.C. regular meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted 8/31/2023.

Mike Pinatti

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