

# ***Willington Parks and Recreation Commission***

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**Town Offices, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington, Connecticut 06279 (860) 487-3108**

Committee Minutes

Town Office Meeting

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Attending Members:** Joe Colangelo, Steve Swart and Ed Taiman were in attendance. Stuart Fischer was attending via telephone.

**Attending Non-Members:** The Pippin family, Justin Niderno, Karl Acimovic and Jimmy Callaghan, our Willington Parks and Recreation Director was in attendance as well.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from 7/10/23 were reviewed. Ed Taiman made a motion to accept which was seconded by Steven Swart.

## **III. GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

There was no General Discussion.

## **IV. DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Recreational basketball for 30-year-olds and up will be coming back with a targeted date of late October to mid-July.

Recreational basketball for school aged children has [7] sign ups at present. Jimmy has supplied a list of rules for game play and a QR code to acquire information for the basketball league.

A Jack O Lantern carving contest will be held at the RRAC with blind voting for the best pumpkin. A gift certificate will be provided to the winner.

The Boston bus trip did not attract enough participants and has been cancelled.

RRAC signage is being installed.

The annual Christmas event on the Town Green will be happening in 2023.

Jimmy has met with the Ashford Rec Director, Sherry York, to review Rec Rescue trips in the future with Mystic Village as a possibility.

The "Trunk or Treat" event will be on 10/27 at the RRAC with a possible basketball contest.

Jimmy Callaghan will be developing a logo for Parks and Rec. The logo will be used on correspondence, forms, and signage at our parks. He is also supporting the possibility of a garden at the RRAC in the open area near the well to be sponsored by a local gardening group.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Michael Pippin provided a video presentation of the Bocce Court he installed as an Eagle project at the RRAC. Michael and his crew did a spectacular installation which is a great addition to the RRAC. Michael did a fine job of presenting this project, developing the project and doing a final installation. Mr. and Mrs. Pippin and the Willington Boy Scouts have an outstanding citizen in Michael, and we thank him for his efforts. Great kid!
- b. Karl Acimovic provided a presentation of the final site plans for the RRAC ARPA drainage and path lighting project. It was very informative. With a few additions the package will be ready to send out for proposals.

**VI: NEW BUSINESS:**

Justin Niderno, who was on the Willington LL board previously, gave a short presentation on the possibility of reviving Willington LL. Steve Swart, who also served on the Willington LL board in the past contributed some helpful information. The league has not existed since 2020. There is a possibility of reviving Willington LL by teaming up with other local towns. Jimmy is looking into this.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Steve swart motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Ed Taiman. The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Respectfully submitted 10-13-23.

Joseph C. Colangelo / Commission Chair

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