

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

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Committee Minutes

ZOOM Meeting

November 30th, 2021

**Attending Members:** Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Mike Iacampo, Bill Bilyak, Rocco Petrella and Ed Taiman were in attendance.

**Attending Non-Members:** Alan Humphrey, Willington Parks and Recreation director.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There were no minutes to approve.

### **II. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PRESENT TO SPEAK**

There were no townspeople present to speak.

### **III. DIRECTORS REPORT:**

A. Director's report was submitted as follows:

- a. Rec basketball practice has started.
- b. We have all our teams and coaches set up for Rec basketball.
- c. Indoor Pickleball has not gained momentum and will not be offered.
- d. The Town Office Building Baseball field will be provided rental equipment and clay blocks to reinforce the batter's box.

- e. We discussed adding some garbage cans at the RRAC for easier access and hopefully less littering. Alan feels at least 2 more cans to match the existing and a possible animal themed can near the playscape to make it "fun" for the kids to throw away garbage.
- f. The cable company gave a quote of \$4,000.00 to bring the infrastructure for internet access to our concession stand at the RRAC. We may pursue this installation if we receive help in the form of a grant or government aid.
- g. The storage shed at Hall School has been unused for some time and the keys could not be found. Alan worked with school officials to have the locks rekeyed and the new keys made available to the appropriate people.
- h. The tree decorating event went very well. A total of 10 trees were decorated and the sponsors were great.
- i. Alan had signs created for the RRAC regarding dogs being exercised on the track dragging chains and weights to strengthen the dogs. This is causing erosion and damage to the walking track around the park. The signs state that this practice is not allowed in the park.
- j. Alan will create a schedule for the 2022 WPRC meeting schedule and post it.
- k. The Pickleball court being funded by CIP will be scheduled to install in the spring of 2022. It will be adjacent to the basketball court which already has a Pickleball court painted on it. This will give us 2 courts for tournaments and leagues. Alan is working on a program that will follow the installation of the new court.
- l. Alan suggested we may put "lending library boxes" at the RRAC. One for children's books and a second for adults. This would be a great Eagle project for the local BSA troop.
- m. A possible future CIP request from the WPRD may be a roof over the work out equipment at the RRAC. An additional project would be to install short pole lights at the far side of the walking path. The parking lot side and the corner adjacent to the basketball court are well lit, but some additional lights in the dark spots could make the track accessible though 10PM like the courts and playscape area.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

Stuart Fischer has volunteered to be a member of the Willington Recreation Commission. Following some discussion, the members voted to have Stuart come on board. Joe Colangelo made a motion to accept Stuart as a member which was seconded by Ed Taiman. All members were in agreement.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Joe Colangelo motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Ed Taiman. The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM as a ZOOM meeting.

Respectfully submitted 12-9-2021.

Joseph C. Colangelo

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