

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – August 3rd, 2020

Virtual – Zoom - 6:30 PM

I. Call to order

- 6:46 p.m.
- WPRC Members in attendance: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Bill Bilyak and Rocco Petrella.
- Non-Members in attendance: Maureen Parsell

II. General discussion and open forum for anyone present. Joe Colangelo will allot time for discussion and individual requests to speak.

- No one in attendance.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes have been approved for March 2nd, April 27th and June 3rd.

IV. Director's Report

- Budget
 - Discussion was held.
- Facilities:
 - RRAC:
 - Rims have been replaced on the basketball hoops at RRAC.
 - A Portalet was delivered on July 1st, however, I continue to have issues with United Site Services. They are not reliable at all. I had to have another portalet brought into the park on Wednesday, July 29th when we had a concert. They were supposed to be out to clean it, they checked the sticker on the portalet that they had cleaned it that morning but it wasn't. I called the company four times that day with no return call. I had to call another company to have a portalet delivered so we had a clean unit available for our concert. A&D will now provide this service for us but it will be an additional \$500/year.
 - Irrigation/electrical boxes need to be replaced at RRAC. Joe Colangelo to order and DPW will install.
 - Lighting project for basketball court, volleyball court and playground is still on hold. Waiting to attend a BOF meeting for appropriation of funding.
 - TOB:
 - Fencing project still on hold.
 - Funding from Lion's Club was received.
 - Discussion was held on purchasing a scoreboard. Decision was unanimous to wait until programming is back to normal before we purchase.
 - Hall Memorial and Center School:
 - We will not be able to use the school during the school year due to COVID-19. Only students and teachers are allowed in the school at this time. This will put a hold on all indoor programming that is typically held at our schools.

- Programs:
 - Science-in-the-Park at RRAC under the pavilion.
 - Yoga-in-the-Park at Fenton Ruby Park starting on August 6th.
 - Projects-in-the-Park; working with a local company Angel Pond Creations to offer art/painting classes at RRAC for adults and children. First class is for adults and is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th under the pavilion.
 - Whiffle Ball-in-the-Park starting on August 10th.
 - Concerts-in-the-Park have been well attended. I will be hiring camp staff and lifeguards to help out with concessions and social distancing guidelines.
- Portalet at RRAC:
 - Having an issue with United Site Services. They are unreliable and not cleaning the units when they are supposed to. I am switching to a new company, A&D out of Stafford. Our cost is going to go up \$500/year but it's well worth the stress and headache.
- CT Celtic Soccer Club:
 - They would like to find sponsors to help with field maintenance at RRAC; watering, aerating, fertilizing, rolling, etc.
 - They would like to hang a banner on the fence because they are using it as their home field.

Adjourn:

- Meeting / discussion was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.