

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
January 28, 2020

*Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting.

Attending Members: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Ed Taiman, Rocco Petrella, Bill Bilyak, Mike Iacampo and Katie St. Germain

Attending Non-Members: Maureen Parsell and Olivia Balloveras were in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes by Mike Pinatti and seconded by Ed Taiman.

II. General Discussion:

No general discussion at this time.

III. Director's Report:

1. Discussed CIP budget meeting for 2/5/20
 - Lighting @ River Road Complex; to be completed this spring for the basketball court, playground & volleyball court (or new pickleball court), set up on timers or possibly coin-op to save on operating costs.
 - Removing volleyball court & replacing with pickleball courts; 2 courts with 6' fence ~40K (quote obtained)
2. Met with Mike in the Building department about the lights at RRAC – Joe will get specs/plans for the lighting.
3. Still working with Public Works on the drainage issue at either end of the walking track at River Road Athletic Complex.
4. Willington Wire – 1st Quarter was sent out and 2nd quarter will be sent out on April 1st.
5. Town Hall Fields
 - Waiting on quote to move backstop
 - Greg Peck to install benches for girls softball field in time for spring season
 - Little League asked if we could replace the netting on the batting cages.

6. Fall Basketball season is underway and going great, tournament coming up in February. There have been a few issues with poor sportsmanship within the HS league that we plan to bring up at the next board meeting – pushing for rules to be set regarding ejections and disciplinary actions.
7. WPRD will be hosting a “Hot Shots” competition at the end of February at Hall School- kids are excited about participating.
8. Climbing wall at Hall School gym is getting a great response – started a Family climbing night on Saturday Nights in February – free for Willington Families.
9. Discount UCONN tickets are selling out fast – only 20 tickets left to the Men’s UConn vs. Memphis game –remaining tickets will be given away to one player on each youth team as awards for good sportsmanship.
10. Bus Trips – not planning as many trips due to low interest. We currently have a trip to Boston in April, James Taylor in July and NYC in December.
11. Pickleball at Center School will be moved to a location TBD – space too small.
12. The next Yoga session will be held in the Library beginning February 6th
13. Fitness classes at the Old Town Hall are ongoing.
14. WPRDs new Hiking Club starting again in January.
15. Soccer Camp – working on a summer soccer clinic – open to all ages – pricing TBD.
16. Concerts in the Park – planning has begun – shooting for seven concerts this year, reaching out for sponsorship.
17. Summer Camp – planning has begun – 6 weeks this year.
18. Halls Pond – tentative opening date of June 17, 2020
 - Storage Container – in the works
 - An idea was proposed to use the Mansfield Lion’s Club funds to purchase small boats for use in the pond.
19. Maureen will be attending the CRPA quarterly meeting to learn about the impacts that the minimum wage increase will have on our department, programs and budget.

IV. Old Business:

None.

V. New Business:

1. Budget – see attached.

VI. Adjournment:

1. Joe Colangelo motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Mike Pinatti. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Office Building.

Respectfully submitted 2/12/20
Katherine St. Germain