

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting - June 3rd, 2020

Virtual – GoToMeeting - 6:30 PM

- **Call to order**
 - Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- **General discussion and open forum for anyone present. Joe Colangelo will allot time for discussion and individual requests to speak.**
 - Nobody was present to speak.
- **Director's Report**
 - Budget Report; Discussion followed. We will end the year in a deficit and use money from our fund balance to cover the loss.
 - CIP Budget: Due to COVID-19 and budget cuts, our pickleball court was taken out of the CIP budget by the First Selectwoman. Will attend next CIP meetings and ask to have added back on for next year.
 - BOF accepted our fiscal year 20/21 budget resubmission with a 0% increase over 19/20.
 - Facilities; Everything is closed. No programs running. Keeping up with the CDC and local health dept. Discussion followed.
 - Summer Camp - cancelled
 - Halls Pond - cancelled
 - Programming; hoping to run some smaller programs in July and August. Waiting to see if the regulations ease up.
 - Waiting to hear when we can open athletic fields and playgrounds. Waiting on information from the state so we can open up safely to our residents.
 - Youth Sports; should be able to open some sports on June 20th. Waiting on official Executive Order.
 - Portalet; have not ordered for RRAC as of yet. Once we open up our fields to private clubs, we will place a portalet back in the park.
 - Stavens came out and fixed the leaky pipe and opened up the irrigation system for us.
 - DPW has been helping at the park; picking up the garbage weekly, helping to close off basketball court, playground, taking the swings down, etc.
 - Drainage at RRAC – area in front of the Outdoor Fitness Equipment continues to flood on the track. Will work with DPW to pull up the grass and replace with stone dust. Hoping to have done by the fall once the spending freeze is lifted.
 - Lights at RRAC basketball court – will attend the next BOF meeting for funding appropriation.
 - Scoreboard at TOB; working with the Lion's Club for funding. Waiting to hear after their meeting. If we do get the funding, Erika has given us the green light for this project. 16' x 5' scoreboard for \$5,000. DPW can help with the trenching.
 - James Taylor; we originally sold out on this bus trip. This trip has now been cancelled and everyone has been reimbursed.
 - Willington Wire; I'll be working on the next edition and is due to be sent out on July 1st.

- Summer Concerts; discussion followed. Decision was made to cancel the concerts this year if we can't livestream.
- Kayaks; still looking for holes in 2 kayaks. Hoping to start loaning out kayaks. Kayaks will be sanitized and will sit for 72 hours between loans. Update the loaner paperwork with COVID-waiver.
- 8th Grade Dance at RRAC: discussion followed. 6-11:00 p.m. Do we allow them to hold the dance after hours? All were in favor. Remind Joe to set the time clocks for the parking lot lights to go off after 11:00 p.m. for the dance.
- Memorial Benches; I'm working with two separate families - 1 bench for RRAC and 1 bench for TOB. Discussion followed.
- Collaboration with the Willington Public Library; Clevell handed me a key and said welcome to the library and said I could move in today. Discussion followed.
- **Adjourn**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.