

Willington Parks and Recreation Commission

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Committee Minutes

ZOOM Meeting

March 28th, 2022

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

Attending Non-Members: Alan Humphrey, Willington Parks and Recreation director was in attendance as well.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

II. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PRESENT TO SPEAK

There was no General Discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the 2/28/22 meeting was reviewed. Ed Taiman made a motion to accept which was seconded by Joe Colangelo. The group was unanimous in acceptance of the minutes.

IV. ARPA DISCUSSION AND REPORTS:

The first round of ARPA funding has been earmarked for projects including Fire Department equipment, Public Works equipment, and various other projects. The submitted projects for the Recreation Department did not get included in this round of ARPA funding. Summer camp is requesting funding through the HHS Department for support of the camp over the next three years. Our requested projects remain as follows.

- a. RRAC lighting for the entire path. (\$35K)
- b. A rooftop/pavilion for the gym equipment at the RRAC. (\$20K)
- c. Drainage for the area around the gym equipment at the RRAC. (\$20K)

V. WILLINGTON DAY:

Willington Day is scheduled for the Saturday before Memorial Day which should be the 28th of May but is subject to change based on the decision of the Willington Day Committee. Last year the WPRC did food services. This year we are planning on setting up a basketball shooting tournament with prizes, and letting another commission provide food services. Having some type of pickup baseball or softball game would be a welcome activity as well.

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Alan presented the following bullet points.

- a. The recreational basketball program has been completed for this season and was a success.
- b. Alan purchased a new home plate for the TOB field.

- c. Alan started lining the soccer fields at the RRAC with some assistance and plans to maintain the lining going forward. A set of pins to be installed permanently for soccer field lining may be in the LL shed at the RRAC. If not, a new set will be purchased to streamline the lining process.
- d. The power for the pavilion at the RRAC and the lighting for the courts and playscape at the RRAC will be brought back online this weekend. The decision going forward for power and lighting of the courts and playscape will be to turn off those items on November 15th and bring them back online for April 15th. This year we have an early pavilion rental at the RRAC and are starting the process earlier to accommodate that.
- e. The Recreation Department and HHS have split the cost of a "bounce house" for use at Summer Camp.
- f. The BOF approved our budget for this fiscal year. A town meeting will be held for final approval by the townspeople.
- g. Steven Davis wishes to provide a memorial for his son Isaac at the RRAC. The group decided a bench near the basketball court would be a welcome addition to the park as a memorial for Isaac.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Taiman motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Mike Pinatti. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30th at 7:00PM as a ZOOM meeting.

Respectfully submitted 3-29-22

Joseph C. Colangelo

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