

Willington Parks and Recreation Commission

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Committee Minutes

ZOOM Meeting

January 31st, 2022

Attending Members: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Bill Bilyak, Stuart Fisher and Ed Taiman were in attendance.

Attending Non-Members: Alan Humphrey, Willington Parks and Recreation director, Steve Liebowitz and Todd Penney from Field of Miracles.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM.

II. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PRESENT TO SPEAK

Steve and Todd made a presentation to the group on a possible build out of a Field of Miracles at the RRAC. The drawing presented showed the field at the corner of the park near the power lines. It imposed on the walking path and would take the place of the shed and batting cage. The field would also be partly on the adjoining property. The group was enthusiastic about the project, but the field did not fit properly on the RRAC property. Alan is working to find other spaces in town where the field might work.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the 12/20/21 meeting was reviewed. Mike Pinatti made a motion to accept which was seconded by Bill Bilyak. The group was unanimous in acceptance of the minutes.

IV. HALLS POND OPERATION:

The waterfront lost over \$9K in revenue last year. This was due to low registration and normal open hours requiring a full staff. Alan spoke with local Rec Directors who explained their towns had changed to a "swim at your own risk" program to save the cost of staffing. Our waterfront is rented and has an agreement that may not allow the "swim at your own risk" option. Alan is looking into this and will report to the group. Another option to save money on this program may be to reduce the hours of operation.

V. 2022 BUDGET:

Alan is working on a final budget presentation. Field maintenance and increased electrical bills at the RRAC due to more lighting have pushed our present budget and Alan will address this in his new budget.

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT:

A Director's report was submitted as follows:

- a. Summer camp showed a loss of \$6K. An adjustment to next years summer camp may be less staffing, reduced bus trips, and having a counselor on staff who is also a lifeguard. Alan is working on a plan for the upcoming summer camp.
- b. A Summer Sport Camp may be introduced this year. This would be a short single or multi day camp based on a single sport presented by a local professional.
- c. Our field maintenance budget has been exceeded. The new contract accepted by the town was larger than our budgeted expense. This will require a request for more budgeted money to pay for the field maintenance at the higher contracted amount.
- d. Stuart Fisher volunteered to be our ARPA representative.
- e. Alan has scheduled [7] summer concerts for the upcoming season.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Taiman motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Mike Pinatti. The meeting adjourned at 9:07PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th at 7:00PM as a ZOOM meeting.

Respectfully submitted 2-24-22

Joseph C. Colangelo

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