

Willington Parks and Recreation Commission

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Committee minutes

July 10, 2023

Attending members: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Ed Taiman, Stuart Fisher

Attending Non-members: Steve Swart, Erika Wiecewski, James Callaghan, Michael Pippin

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. General Discussion/ Present to speak

There was no general discussion.

III. Approval of minutes

There was no approval of minutes.

IV. Discussion of RRAC drainage

Stuart reported on ARPA funding and goals for said funds. He stated plans are being finalized by Karl Acimovic. After which the work could be put out to bid.

It was suggested the ARPA drainage and CIP funded pickleball court could possibly be combined on one RFP, or at least be timed to run concurrently to save money.

V. Eagle Scout Project

Michael Pippin presented a plan to construct a bocce ball court for RRAC as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. His presentation was very professional, and he provided drawings, photos, and a list of required material to complete the project.

He mentioned a possible late September/early November deadline for completion.

Erika suggested he check with PZC for possible required permits.

Joe said he would talk to John Patton about possible donation of materials needed.

Ed Taiman made a motion to accept the plan. Mike Pinatti seconded. Motion was carried.

VI. Directors Report

A. Newly hired Rec Director James Callaghan stated summer camp is moving along and will run through August 11th. No issues to date. A meeting was held with staff to try and bring more positivity to the camp experience. ARPA funds are currently covering 50% of the cost for campers. Approximately 40 kids per week attend.

B. Halls pond is open and running with 1 head and 2 other lifeguards. ~ 25 passes have been sold to date. The lifeguards and Public works are keeping the beach in top shape.

Several new buoy rope lines have been installed to replace old worn ropes.

Eastern Highlands Health have been testing the water and no issues have been reported.

- C. Wednesdays in the park is up and running. Trying to reschedule Bruce John for July 26th.
Rock solid Alibi to be rescheduled possibly on a day other than Wednesday due to conflicts.
Director Callaghan will put an event page on Facebook to promote more interest.
No food trucks scheduled for this year's series.
Eastern Highlands has expressed interest in having a table at the concerts to promote Narcan awareness.
- D. Director Callaghan brought up several observations:
1. Possible need for trash receptacles on far side of walking path
 2. Leg raise elbow pads are worn and need replacement.
 3. Possible roof over exercise equipment to stop sun and water damage.
 4. High fencing needs attention in the right rear corner.

Erika mentioned, and it was agreed, the wood chips in the play area need to be replenished.

VII. No old business

VIII. No new business

IX. **Adjourn**

Ed Taiman made a motion to adjourn.

Stuart Fisher seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Next regular meeting is July 24th at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted 7/11/2023

Mike Pinatti

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