

# ***Willington Parks & Recreation Commission***

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## **MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – December 14, 2020**

**Virtual – Zoom - 7:00 PM**

### **I. Call to order**

- 7:00 PM
- WPRC Members in attendance: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Ed Taiman, Bill Bilyak, Rocco Petrella and Mike Iacampo
- WPRC Members absent: Katherine St. Germain
- Non-Members in attendance: Maureen Parsell and First Selectwoman Erika Wiecenski

### **II. General discussion and open forum for anyone present. Joe Colangelo will allot time for discussion and individual requests to speak.**

- No one in attendance.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes have been approved for October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **IV. Director's Report**

- Facilities:
  - Stavens came out to RRAC last week and fixed the drainage issue. The irrigation is ready for winterization.
  - Pickleball Court – have to submit CIP budget by end of December
    - Decided to stick to the quote from Hinding
  - Porta potty picked up for season, the company suggested a trash can be put inside the unit next year. Discussed a new location for the unit. The public is also disposing of their own garbage in the trashcans at River Road Athletic Complex, Public Works has had to clean up various items including mattresses. Porta Potty will need to be brought back in the spring time.
  - River Road Athletic Complex lighting project is on hold, all the light bases are there at the park. Public Works is unable to dig while the ground is frozen, can't trench it, but planning to get them installed before the snow storms.
- Programs:
  - Turkey Scavenger Hunt at Fenton Ruby and at River Road Athletic Complex had over 50 people registered. Good event over Thanksgiving break, found turkeys within the park, included riddles, trivia, create a song, and fun activities. Made the trip interactive for families.
  - Holiday Wreath Giveaway.
  - Virtual Gingerbread House Competition had 20 people registered. Voting poll will go up soon. Three categories: Adult, Youth, and Family.
  - A Tour of Holiday Lights is planned with Ashford, Coventry, Mansfield, and Tolland. Families in these towns decorated their homes and added them to a map, shared the map with the public for people to drive around and see holiday light displays. Safe activity while other events were cancelled around the holidays. There are prizes for: Best Traditional House, Best Animated and Best Overall. Winners will be posted on Monday.

- Pickleball ends on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>, but snow on the way will cause the last day to be canceled.
- Willington Wire next edition will be sent out on January 4<sup>th</sup>
- CIP Budget due December 30<sup>th</sup> and present to CIP January 20<sup>th</sup>
- Present to BOF on February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Annual Budget:
    - Add field maintenance for top soil on the soccer fields at RRAC. There are a lot of divots and sink holes on the field. We should be bringing in topsoil and reseeding every year. The best time to plant grass is in the fall. Discussed doing a portion of the field in the spring and another portion in the fall.
    - Ask Public Works how much top soil is needed and where to purchase from.
  - CIP Budget Project:
    - Pickleball court at RRAC
    - Lighting around the track/walking path at RRAC
    - Lighting for the soccer field at RRAC
    - Turf for soccer field at RRAC
- Discussed members of the hiring committee for the interview process for the Director of Parks and Recreation position opening

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

**VII. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM**

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