

Willington Parks & Recreation Commission

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – August 31st, 2020

Virtual – Zoom - 6:30 PM

I. Call to order

- 6:32 p.m.
- WPRC Members in attendance: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Rocco Petrella and Ed Taiman
- WPRC Members absent: Bill Bilyak, Mike Iacampo and Katherine St. Germain
- Non-Members in attendance: Maureen Parsell

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 August 3rd.

IV. Director's Report

- Budget
 - Discussion was held.
- Facilities:
 - RRAC:
 - Basketball Court needs a crack repaired. Received quote \$2650 to repair crack and paint striping on court for Pickleball. Discussion was held and all in agreement to repair crack and paint Pickleball striping prior to winter.
 - Irrigation/electrical boxes need to be replaced at RRAC. Joe Colangelo to order and DPW will install. Order just a few at a time and replace the boxes with the broken covers. Joe will order four ASAP. They are approximately \$75.00/each.
 - CIP 2019/2020 lighting project for basketball court, volleyball court and playground. Discussion held. Will attend the September 17th BOF meeting to request the appropriation of funding for this project.
 - Irrigation pump for winterizing needs to be fixed prior to winter.
 - TOB:
 - A tree fell during a recent storm and broke the back fence of the baseball field. DPW to clean up the tree so we can assess the damage to the fence.
 - Hall Memorial and Center School:
 - We will not be able to use the school during the school year due to COVID-19. Only students and teachers are allowed in the school at this time. This will put a hold on all indoor programming that is typically held at our schools.
- Programs:
 - Projects-in-the-Park; working with a local company, Angel Pond Creations, to offer art/painting classes at RRAC for adults. Classes have been held on July 16th and August 11th and another is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th under the pavilion.

- Yoga-in-the-Park at Fenton Ruby Park is ongoing and well-received. Will continue and possibly offer a hiking yoga class in the winter.
- Will try to offer other outdoor programs during the fall months.
- Youth and High School Basketball: We will not have access to HMS this fall/winter so we will look into holding outdoor clinics/tournaments at RRAC and possibly using Star Hill in Tolland. Discussion held. All in agreement to check with Star Hill on pricing. Discussion was held on putting up temporary lighting for the basketball court at RRAC. Joe to research.
- Program Revenue: With very little revenue coming in, could we possibly look at fundraising or finding sponsors to help with maintenance costs. Discussion held.
- Kayaks – booked every weekend through mid-September.
- Memorial Benches: TOB Bench will be installed at the field dedication – date TBD. RRAC Bench will be installed as soon as we can. Original contractor was hurt and is no longer able to install the bench. Will touch base with him again to see how his recovery is going.
- Concerts-in-the-Park were a success. Last concert was on August 21st. The bands and weather were great. I am working with a resident to book another concert on Sunday, September 20th – TBA.
- I will schedule a visit with the WPL to discuss when they are opening and if/when we can start holding indoor programs.

Adjourn:

- Meeting / discussion was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.