

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

May 3, 2021, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL – All present
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, April 5, 2021 - Amy Berman motion, Russ Howell second. All approved.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - No public comments.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Bike Advisory board meeting, promote biking and bike safety. Will work with the Rec. Cake Crumb trail for Mental Health month. Bike rodeo is a topic of the committee, linking the parks with bike routes, maybe signs
- BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT – Brendan Galligan May 17th all elementary schools back full day. Graduation happening.
- DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Lauren is opening camp registration. Don is helping Paul getting the pool ready for the season. No outdoor gathering limits. Waiting for the executive order from the Governor. Ultimate Frisbee tournament is happening on Memorial Day weekend. 12 teams invited, 3 teams from Westfield HS club team. Mindowaskin playground fencing meeting with Friends of Mindowaskin, Jim Gildea and Jenn Gilman to happen soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL:** Monica Bergin - Pool committee proposes that swim team fees be raised from \$50 to \$100 for this year. These fees just cover swim team expenses. Proposed that swim lesson fees be raised from \$60 to \$70 (early bird) \$80 (regular registration) Tony Stewart moves to approve the new fees for swim team and swim lessons Jonathan Glacken and Jeff Perrella oppose. Proposal to be presented to Town Council.
- **PARKS & FIELDS:** Russ Howell - Field user fee will be revisited at the next meeting. Notes were forwarded.
- **FINANCE:** - Amy Berman - Notes/reports were forwarded
- **PROGRAMS:** - Jeff Perrella - New programming, senior offerings are a little slow. Lauren Harmer - Camp registration starts tomorrow. 20 applicants for staff so far, a lot of returning. Health supervisor for one site looking for another. Union County transportation grant. *Going to stay with ½ day because of staff crossover.* Linda Johnson - spring programs are doing well. 2 sessions are happening with most programs. Field Hockey is now part of a middle school developmental league. Using Ponderosa and HS field are home fields. 19 girls on the roster. There is a wait list. Looking to have 2 teams next year.
- **MEDIA RELATIONS:** Russ Howell - nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Adam Pizzi, Screening Event, Tamaques Park – No questions from commissioners. Don Bogardus thinks it is a good idea to bring new experiences to the youth of Westfield. Mr. Pizzi will provide clean up, but details will be worked out with the Town Council. Russ Howell makes a motion to approve Ron Feldman second - all approved to present to Town Council.

James Leitner, Race in Tamaques Park - Last weekend of July, no conflicts. Amy Berman makes a motion to approve, Jeff Perrella second - all approved to present to Town Council.

Baseball Camp at Gumbert – Waiting to hear answers from the company from NY

NEW BUSINESS:

Girl Scout Tamaques Troop 40360 Bronze Award Project, Tamaques Restrooms (near tennis courts) – For their Bronze project, will fundraise this year and start project next year (2021-2022) Paint and update the fixtures with the help of DPW. Paint a mural inside, DPW will prepare the surfaces. Motion approved by Amy Berman. Jeff Perrella second - all approved! Will be presented to Town Council.

Girl Scout Jefferson Troop 40780 Bronze Award Project, South Side Parks (Temporary Fairy Trail) - Jefferson Troop 40780 - For their Bronze project. Going to build Fairy houses. Tamaques Memorial Sycamore and Bird Sanctuary. All houses will have a hint of where to go next. Jeff motion, Paul Second - all approved! Will be presented to Town Council.

Ice Rink at Gumbert - numbers for attendance for 2020-2021 are in the April 5 meeting minutes. No extra events (adult hockey, curling, PTO events) and still had great attendance. Would like to come back next year. Russ Howell makes a motion, Monica Bergin second. Russ would like to add that it be at least a two-year proposal. All approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All Correspondences were e-mailed to the Commission Members

Dates to Remember:

*Next Scheduled Commission Meetings – Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:30pm
Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:30pm
Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:30pm
Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30pm
Monday November 1, 2021 at 7:30pm
Monday December 6, 2021 at 7:30pm*