

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

January 10, 2022, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - All present. Welcome to Joe Schaefer & Tim Simon
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, December 6th Meeting
- COMMISSION CHAIR - Jenn Gilman - Recreation can touch everyone in town. 2021 highlights, EIS field project, Tour De Westfield, successful year for Memorial pool, reapproval of Westfield Rink for 2 years, Brightwood Park partnership, Programming in the department was extremely successful. New committee assignments for 2022. Going to make a motion (Amy seconded, all in favor) to break up parks and fields into two committees, Dissolve Media relations due to Kim Forde handling the media. With the parks (tennis courts & basketball courts included) & fields (rink) breakout. Jeff suggested that committees and members be listed on the website
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - no
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Welcome new members, sadly on zoom.
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - no assignment yet.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Don Bogardus - Thank you to all of commissioners. Thank you for all in my department! Hopefully COVID will get back to a new normal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL:** Tony Stewart Chair/ Heather Re - about to be busy season, pool committee should meet soon. Things need to be finalized early March. Employees filled by February. Going to add more activities at the pool. Hoping to bring events back too.
- **PARKS:** - Monica Bergin - no report
- **FIELDS:** - Russ Howell - EIS proposal, parking assessment is close to being finalized.
- **FINANCE:** - Amy Berman - summary was sent out by Don to all commissioners. Will keep user fees updated. Going to keep an eye on playground. Going to get past years numbers to run a comparison. If user fees were going to be raised Recreation commission would approve and then send to Town Council for their approval. Trust A is Programming. Trust B is from user fees. There are specific rules as to how the monies can be spent.

- PROGRAMS: Jeff Perrella - going to talk to Don offline about the possibility of partnering with businesses that would either lease fields/parking lots or do a profit sharing with us for adult sports (requested in master plan).

OLD BUSINESS:

Tennis Court Reservations - Don is working on it, maybe March or April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mission Clear Water Run in Tamaques Park - July 23, 9am - James Leitner - works locally in Paterson & Newark. 24-hour run, participants were capped at 30 in 2021 due to COVID. All proceeds go towards clean water projects. Hopefully there will be more participants. Perhaps 50. Motion to approve Russ Howell, Jeff Perrella seconded all approve.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All Correspondences were e-mailed to the Commission Members

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Commission Meeting - Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:30pm

Jeff Perrella made a Motion to adjourn 8:10pm

Submitted MMB