

# • MINUTES

## • Westfield Recreation Commission

• April 4, 2022, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT – read by Don.
- ROLL CALL – Tony Stewart, Monica Bergin and Roselle Schjohng were absent
- FLAG SALUTE
  
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 14<sup>th</sup>, Meeting – Jeff Perella asked about the Fishing Derby. After additional conversations with the police department on how they'd like to be involved, more time for planning will be needed so the derby is delayed for now. Liz Chacko made a motion to approve the minutes and then Joe Schaefer seconded it. Motion approved.
  
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING -no public attendees tonight.
  
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Scott Katz reported that the final presentation of the budget will be on 4/26. There is currently \$25K set aside for capital park improvements. At the 4/5 Town Council meeting, the WHS Girls Varsity Basketball and the WHS Boys Varsity Winter Track and Field teams will be recognized for their recent State Championships.
  
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT – Mike Bielen said that the BOE too is working on its final budget and they have been able to close the budget gaps. The BOE will also be honoring the WHS State Champion winners. The BOE facilities meeting will take place this week where the status of the Elm Street field will be discussed.
  
- DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Don Bogardus said the deFalco bench footings have been poured and the bench should be in shortly. The Little Library will follow after that. Don is still waiting on delivery date of the new Windsor Park playground equipment. Once we have that, Don and DPW can work out a schedule for demolition of the current structure. The drainage work at Memorial has been completed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL:** Heather Re stated that swim lesson registration will start at the end of April. Pool Membership is on tract with where we were last year at this time. They are starting the staffing interviews this month.
- **PARKS:** Amy Berman mentioned the 5/1/22 Clean-up Day arranged by the Green Team and provided the following information via hardcopy to the press on hand:

Park Clean-up: 5/1/22 Tamaques, Brightwood Parks

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054daaa92ea0fd0-westfield3>

Volunteers of all ages;

Supervision required (K - 7)

Signup #s should include adults only - please use the comments to detail # of scouts participating.

Any questions? Contact at: [Greenteam@westfieldnj.gov](mailto:Greenteam@westfieldnj.gov)

Ron Feldman meets with the Friends of Brightwood monthly and Jenn Gilman joins them quarterly. The trail map for the Kiosk is underway and money has been put into escrow to pay for it by the DPW. There are still other items to be added to the kiosk, but they are still to be decided and then submitted to the Commission for approval.

- **FIELDS:** Russ Howell talked about the drainage project at Memorial. There was 1 concerned neighbor about the status of the field, but by the time the job was completed, the issue had been resolved. Dugout cover installation should begin this week.
- **FINANCE:** Amy Berman submitted copies of the Trust Fund Account and User Fee Reports to all. The explanations of how these accounts can be used will be distributed to all once we get approval from the Town CFO, Scott Olsen.
- **PROGRAMS:** Linda Johnson pointed out that many of the Spring programs are starting this week and next. There will be 2 Girls Field Hockey teams this year and they are already half full. For Playground Camp, we have more students registered already than all of last year, but there are still plenty of openings at each school. If we hit the 150 limit per school, there are adjustments and some juggling that can be made so that we can accommodate as many as we can.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Tennis Court Reservations and Rules: As soon as DPW makes the signs and puts them up at the gates of the courts at Tamaques and Memorial, the reservation system can start. There will be a QR code on the signs to help residents navigate to the sign-up site. There will be 2 courts available to reserve at each park.

Memorial Tree – DPW and Jim Gildea have approved a memorial tree to be planted in Brightwood. Jenn is going to ask sub-committee chairs for a plan/policy to handle such requests going forward. More to details to follow from Jenn.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

FOBP Request Art in the Park – would like to have an event at Brightwood on June 25<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 26<sup>th</sup>. They are handling most of it but would like to use Civic Rec to help register children for the art class that day. The limit will be 10 kids. Linda Johnson said she would be happy to help. Jenn said they should reach out to the Public Works Commission as well. Jeff Perrella made a motion to approve the use of the park and Amy Berman seconded it. Motion passed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

All Correspondences were e-mailed to the Commission Members

Meeting adjourned by 8:03 pm.

### **Dates to Remember:**

*Next Scheduled Commission Meeting – Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:30pm*