

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

May 2, 2022, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Russ Howell, Tim Simon & Mike Bielen absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, February 7, 2022, meeting - Jeff Perrella made a motion, Ron Feldman seconded. All approved.
- COMMISSION CHAIR - Jenn Gilman - Welcome everyone, let's get started.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - Jerome Feder 789 Knollwood Terrace. Mentioned all the different groups that utilize EIS, is looking forward to seeing what the report of the grass field vs turf has to say.
Lew Kimball - 622 Embree Crescent. An officer with the Westfield Soccer Association. Over 2400 players in Westfield, would like to see more field time and less outlay to other towns. Partnering with the BOE to renovate Elm St. field so it can become a practice field.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz - From the user fee trust account the town hired CME an Engineering firm to evaluate the natural grass vs turf and lights vs. no lights discussion that has been happening regarding the EIS field proposal. They will also include usability rates. Should have a final report in June 2022. Town council celebrated the WHS State Championship Girls Swim team at their last conference session. Looking forward to the Tour De Westfield in June.
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - Mike Bielen - Absent, NO REPORT.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Don Bogardus - Office is busy with playground camp, summer programming and Pool. Windsor playground equipment will arrive next week, DPW will store at the conservation center until installation in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL:** **Tony Stewart** - 29 birthday parties are booked as of today. 95 swim classes are being offered, 407 registered. 7,049 registered members as of today. Cap is 9,700.
- **PARKS - Monica Bergin** - Ron Feldman reported that the map for the Kiosk at Brightwood is almost ready, a local graphic designer is putting the finishing touches on it. He is working on a version of the rules and will circulate once completed. Amy Berman is curious to see if any trees will be replaced since mature trees have been removed in

Tamaques. Is interested in the memorial tree planting program, will reach out to Scott Katz once he is appointed to Tree Preservation.

- **FIELDS: Russ Howell** - absent - No report.
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - copies of trust account & user fees distributed. The difference is due to playground camp timing. Amy is working on an expense report for winter programs for Jeff Perrella.
- **PROGRAMS: Jeff Perrella/Linda Johnson** - 70% full for playground camp. Senior's programming is up and running with a waitlist! Back by popular demand will be wrestling camp. Girls FLAG football is going to start. Community Band is back this summer at Mindowaskin Park. June 23, June 30, July 7 & July 14. Liz Chacko, Tour De Westfield is on Sunday June 12 10am-12pm. Going to have a longer bike route this year. They are also going to have several activities for different age groups. The Bike rodeo will return. Volunteers are going to be needed, stay tuned for more information!

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Tennis/Pickleball Court Reservations - Courts are numbered with signs from Richie at DPW, the mayor is going to advertise through her weekly message, hopefully up and running next week (May 8).
- ❖ Memorial Tree at Brightwood - Don is working on this with Greg O'Neil.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Eagle Scout project - Grant Ziegler - Would like to construct a lifesaving safety rope using USCG approved materials and build a storage box for the pond at Tamaques. Jeff Perrella made a motion to approve, Amy Berman seconded. All approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: All Correspondences were e-mailed to the Commission.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm

Dates to Remember:

Scheduled Commission Meetings - 7:30pm

Monday, June 6, 2022

Monday, July 11, 2022

Monday, September 12, 2022

Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022