

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

June 6, 2022, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Jennifer Gilman & Jeff Perrella absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, February 7, 2022, meeting - Amy Berman made a motion, Roselle Schjong seconded. All approved.
- COMMISSION CHAIR -
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - Lew Kimball - 622 Embree Crescent. An officer with Westfield Soccer Association, would like to see Westfield no longer allocate field space for organizations that are for profit. He would also like to put a net on Sid Fey where the post is higher on one side, lower on the other, it is a safety issue. Russ will discuss and report back.
Jame Lehmborg - 528 Grove St. spoke about the manufacturing of turf and the health issues of turf vs grass fields.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz - Spring Fling was a success in its new location. The September 15 Festifall will be in the same location. The Farmer's market is back on Saturdays in the North Side train station parking lot. June 9 is the raising of the Pride flag ceremony included will be a walk over to the rainbow crosswalk on Elm & Quimby.
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - Mike Bielen - The facilities committee met with the mayor to discuss the EIS fields proposal. NO decision has been made. Westfield Soccer is beginning to renovate Elm St. field. Lincoln playground is being discussed as a renovation project as well. Elm St. tennis courts are not being discussed. Last resurface estimate was approximately \$650,000.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Don Bogardus - Office is busy with playground camp, summer programming and Pool. Windsor playground equipment will be removed around the end of June with a July install.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Tony Stewart** - Membership is closed! Kudos to Heather and the pool staff for their hard work. The Pool looks fantastic! 2nd lifeguard certification class is July 5. Lifeguards are still needed

- **PARKS - Monica Bergin** - Ron Feldman is in the final stages of tweaking the map for the kiosk at Brightwood, GS spent an afternoon sprucing the GS park on Central with the help of Richie and Greg for dropping off mulch and flowers.
- **FIELDS: Russ Howell** - waiting for the CME report which hopefully will come in July.
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - copies of trust account & user fees distributed. Increase of \$70,000 from last year due to success of programs. User fees are due.
- **PROGRAMS: Linda Johnson** - 7Space is available at playground camp. 49 summer camps are being offered by the Recreation Dept. Senior programs are successful especially the Zumba and gold fitness which are also being offered this summer. 77 girls are enrolled in Sunday field hockey, 70 girls are enrolled in volleyball at Sycamore. Wrestling, Flag Football, spike ball plus and CSI Crime Investigators are also big hits as far as camps go. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Tennis/Pickleball Court Reservations - running well, no issues
- ❖ Memorial Tree at Brightwood - Don is working on this with Greg O'Neil.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Art in Windsor Park - will discuss further in July
- ❖ Naming Policy - As a policy, the Westfield Recreation Commission does not name buildings or fields or parks after people; living or dead. To honor or memorialize a person, a bench, tree, or rock may be placed in a Town Park once approval is granted by the Recreation Commission. The individuals wishing to honor/memorialize a person will provide funds to the Westfield Recreation Department who will be responsible for procuring whichever medium (bench, tree, rock, plaque) is requested. This will cover the item(s), installation, and Town maintenance for 5 years.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Dates to Remember:

Scheduled Commission Meetings - 7:30pm

Monday, July 11, 2022

Monday, September 12, 2022

Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022