

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

July 11, 2022, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL
 - Jenn Gilman
 - Liz Chacko
 - Roselle Schjong
 - Tim Simon
 - Jeff Perella
 - Ron Feldman
 - Missing: Russ Howell, Amy Berman, Monica Bergin, Tony Stewart, Joe Schaefer
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, June 6th, Meeting
 - Roselle Schjong, Tim Simon seconded
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING
 - Darielle Walsh 1715 Grandview Ave.
 - Optimists club would like to hold Halloween Parade, Sunday October 23rd at Mindowaskin Park – park be closed from noon-4PM, parade in conjunction with police department’s cops and goblins. Promoting all the elementary schools. Pre-registration. Limit 500-600. Marching band leads parade around the park – finishes at bandshell and plays for a period of time.
 - Motion to approve: Roselle Schjong, Tim Simon seconded, all in favor
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Scott Katz – no report.
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT – Mike Bielen – unable to join in person – no update – no facilities meeting and no update re: Edison Fields re: BoE
- DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Don Bogardus – busy summer, understaffed. Playground camp and pool both going very well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Heather Re** – Still looking for lifeguards, another class this weekend with 4 open spots. (potentially will promote with social media) High numbers of attendance, low staff but making it work.
- **PARKS: Monica Bergin is not present, update from Jenn:** Westfield Garden club is looking for volunteers for their 100 year celebration at Mindowaskin, looking to plant flowers at Mindowaskin on Daffodil Hill. (mindowaskinmeadow.com is where to volunteer).

- **FIELDS: Russ Howell is out, update from Jenn:** – no real update, CME (consultant) has reached out to schedule meetings with all groups.
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman not here, update from Jenn:** – waiting on some info on user fees before sending more.
- **PROGRAMS: Jeff Perella** – no update, meeting was delayed. Camp update from Linda- playground camps in 3rd week, all camps running. Two 1-day programs in Brightwood park – yoga in July, mud in August. Thursday night 7:30 band event 3rd of 4.

OLD BUSINESS:

Art in Windsor Park

- Recommendation is to send it back to public art and recommend that the mural be painted on the fence in Windsor park in lieu of painting the court.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halloween Event

- Covered in public portion of meeting

Windsor Park Playground Improvements

- Playground is installed, DPW has some grading work to finish. Neighbors are excited. Benches and picnic tables are being planned. Fencing and garbage cans being evaluated too. All via Union County matching grant.

Sign Boards

- Proposal from a member of the community to add communication boards to help those with non-traditional means of communication (non-verbal) to 3 of the parks/playgrounds in town – Sycamore, Mindowaskin and Windsor.
 - o ~\$2,000/board
 - o Eligible to come from Trust Account A
- Jeff Perella motions to approve, Ron Feldman seconds, all approve

CORRESPONDENCE:

All Correspondences were e-mailed to the Commission Members

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Commission Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:30pm