

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

September 12, 2022, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Roselle Schjong is absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, July 11, 2022, meeting - no minutes were circulated, will approve in October meeting.
- COMMISSION CHAIR - Welcome back, a successful summer for the Recreation Dept. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - Anthony Scaglione 543 Washington St. - Interested in the County master park plan and how it relates to the 7 acres in Tamaques Park. Councilman Katz said they have not seen a report yet and assured him nothing has been decided. Also commented on the CME report, he doesn't think it will include if all fields were maintained properly and remained grass what would the number of hours of usage look like.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz - Thank you all for coming to the 9/11 remembrance ceremony last evening. Festi-Fall is Sunday September 18, 2022. It will follow Spring Fling's location on Central Ave. between North Ave. & East Broad St. with adult beverages available on Lenox Ave.
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - Mike Bielen - Absent.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Don Bogardus - Office was very busy with playground camp, summer programming and Pool. The staff did a great job! Summer reports will come out in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Tony Stewart** - Even with 20 lifeguards short, great summer! Swim classes were pretty much sold out. The Saturday classes were a huge hit! Looking towards next summer with smaller projects. Air ventilation for the office, chaises to replace broken ones, regular chairs, shade structure for the kiddie area. Heather and the managers did a fantastic job all around! Summer ended with 1500 people on the waitlist.
- **PARKS - Monica Bergin** - Ron Feldman reported map, rules and history of the park are in the final approval stage and will then be put in the kiosk at Brightwood. Windsor Park playground is installed. 2nd phase of the makeover grant has been applied for from the

County. Hopefully it will be approved. If approved will meet with the Windsor Park community for input on shade structure, benches & tables.

- **FIELDS: Russ Howell** - waiting for the CME report.
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - copies of trust account & user fees distributed. Received clarification from the CFO on the monies the Council gave to the Recreation Dept for upgrades in the parks such as uniform signs for all the parks, cabin bathrooms at Tamaques and auto locks and cameras at Tamaques. Jenn Gilman will investigate how the money and projects can be put into action and report back to the Parks committee which will report to the Commission. User fee receipts have decreased, fall requests have been sent out.
- **PROGRAMS: Jeff Perrella/Linda Johnson** - 80 youth programs were offered this summer as well as 14 adult programs. Good turnout considering things have pretty much gone back to pre-Covid times.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Windsor Park Playground - Installed, grant for 2nd phase submitted.
- ❖ Sign boards - Jenn Gilman, Emily Root & parent will meet to decide on design. Jenn Gilman will report back to Parks committee which will report to Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Eagle Scout Tree Planting Project - Brightwood Park. Commission Approved, Ron Feldman added the with the condition that he meet with Greg O'Neill on what type of tree be planted.
- ❖ Eagle Scout invasive species survey & tree cage fundraising - Brightwood Park, Commission approved Ron Feldman added with the condition that he meet with Greg O'Neill on what type of tree be planted.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:48 pm

Dates to Remember:

Scheduled Commission Meetings - 7:30pm

Monday, October 3, 2022

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022