

Willington Parks and Recreation Commission

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Committee Minutes

ZOOM Meeting

April 26, 2021

Attending Members: Joe Colangelo, Mike Pinatti, Mike Iacampo, Bill Bilyak and Ed Taiman were in attendance.

Attending Non-Members: Bethany Cologna, Willington Parks and Recreation Director, and Janice Castle.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous WPRC meeting (3-29-21) were reviewed without changes. Mike Pinatti made a motion to accept the minutes without changes, which was seconded by Bill Bilyak. All members were unanimous in approval.

II. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PRESENT TO SPEAK

There were no townspeople present to speak.

III. DIRECTORS REPORT:

A. Director's report was submitted as follows:

- a. Bus trips are on hold due to COVID protocols.
- b. Wednesdays In the Park, our summer concert series is scheduled to occur July 7th through August 18th. Bethany is looking for a Country Band for the final date in August.
- c. Kent Fencing did the repairs at the RRAC and the Town Office Building Field.
- d. A new field maintenance bid was accepted for the next two fiscal years. Roy's Landscaping LLC was selected.

- e. The new site lights for basketball, volleyball, the flagpole and the playscape will be operable by Wednesday the 28th.
- f. Tony Eldredge has prepared the TOB baseball field for play and the CABL organization will be starting games there soon.
- g. On August 28th at 4PM at the TOB baseball field, there will be a formal presentation for the Kevin Legare commemorative plaque and naming of the baseball field for Kevin. Mr. Legare was the recent Hall School baseball coach.
- h. A bench to commemorate Kevin Legare will be installed at the TOB baseball field donated by his friends and family.
- i. Bethany is interviewing for Summer Camp counselors and is putting together a COVID Summer Camp Protocol for safe operation based on CDC guidelines.
- j. The opening of Halls Pond is still uncertain, but Bethany is interviewing people for lifeguard positions in the hope we can open the waterfront.
- k. Angel Pond Creations will be working with the Recreation Department at the RRAC to provide Projects in the Park on May 27th, and June 24th from 6PM to 8PM.
- l. The Willington Day committee will meet soon to discuss how the event will be operated. The WPRC will have a booth for Willington Day.
- m. Indoor Pickleball is on hold until an indoor location is available. We are working on outdoor Pickleball events once the weather breaks.
- n. An outdoor basketball clinic and league is being considered for the RRAC this summer. Possibly under the lights as the season progresses and days become hotter. A skills program may be started in July, and a 3 on 3 competition in August.
- o. Bethany is researching software to allow for online registration of Parks and Recreation programs.
- p. Golf lessons are being offered at Skunkamaug Golf Course from May through September.
- q. The Willington Wire is being prepared for its next issue to be delivered in July.
- r. Yoga classes are being proposed for June at Fenton Ruby Park.
- s. The overseeding and topsoil project for ½ of the All-Purpose Field at the RRAC is going to be postponed until the Fall. We are reviewing the actual cost of the work and may scale the size of the project to 1/3 of the field.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Taiman motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Mike Pinatti. The meeting adjourned at 7:42PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 7:00PM as a ZOOM meeting.

Respectfully submitted 5-12-2021.

Joseph C. Colangelo

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