

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 28, 2019

PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Stan Gedansky, Robert Hill, Smith Mowry, Dwight Rowland, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein.

Staff: John Adamovich, Director, David Cohen, Recreation Senior Supervisor, Christopher Bahner, Assistant Pool Director

Liaisons: Mica Cardozo, Board of Selectmen, Andrew Pels, Board of Finance

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm

1) Public Comments:

2) Minutes: Dwight Rowland **made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday, November 26, 2018. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the no quorum minutes of Monday, December 17, 2018. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Stan Gedansky, Smith Mowry, and Jane Shernow abstained. Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 3, 2019. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. Andrea explained her statement that because of the pool closing, we should not go up in fees. With that change, all voted in favor.**

3) Liaison Reports: Andy comments that John did an excellent presentation in the operating budget hearing. It was the best showing by a department. Three staff members and three commissioners were present. Mica reported that on January 31st there will be a meeting concerning the Country Club proposals. February 17th the Board of Selectmen will make their budget recommendations to the Board of Finance.

4) Chairman's/ Vice Chairman's report: Bob mentions the Budget presentation.

5) Pool: Christopher reports that everything is going great. The lessons are running well. There are no issues. The locker rooms are looking good.

6) Personnel: Carlie Rose Ritchie – lifeguard at \$10.50 per hour, Janek Peter Olofsson – swim instructor at \$10.10 per hour, and Daniel Matyszczyk – swim instructor at \$10.10 per hour. All have passed their background checks and sex offender list. **Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the new hires. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

7) Director's Report:

A) Fitness Center: Fine

B) Outdoor Facilities: closed.

C) Tennis Courts: The nets have been taken down. John noticed that someone ran a rope where the net would be, in order to play.

D) Programs/Sports: Doing great. Dave does a great job. Evening programs are running great.

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i) Triathlon - We have our first sponsor, Amity Chiropratic & Rehabilitation Center. February 28th is the deadline for sponsorships. Sponsors will appear on the flier. A sponsorship letter went to all the Woodbridge Businesses that we receive from the Assessor's list. Approximately 500 letters went out. We will distribute the flier through the Beecher School starting in March. E) Financial Report The current expenses are at \$301,266.91, 52.0%. Last year at this time, we were \$322,450.94, 55.5 %. On target. Budget cuts, and the pool closure has kept us below last year's spending. Current income is at \$104,078.48, 39.8%. Last year, we were at \$102,600.43, 38.5%. We are ahead of last year. Jim reports that the swim lesson revenue is started to come back in, now that the pool is reopened. Dave added the need to advertise more. A facebook page was suggested. The Town does not allow each individual department to have their own facebook page. Jim will check with Betsy on this issue. Jim mentions that Recreation has an article in each Town newsletter. A suggestion was made to hang fliers at the Library and some local businesses.

8) Town Plan: no report

9) Dog Park: In the fund raising process.

10) Skating Rink: Jim will look into the next Board that the proposal needs to go to.

11) Policies and Procedures: John has placed in the packet a summer camp anti—bullying policy that should be reviewed by the Commission members before the next Recreation Commission meeting in February. It is a three strike system. John went through many policies to come up with this policy.

12)Room/Gym rental fees: Jim explained that the current room rental agreement was drawn up by the Board of Selectmen in February of 2000. Betsy Yagla and Jim have been working on a new room rental agreement. Jim explains some of the new highlights. The former group that was in Category C has been eliminated, but the fees that were associated with that category will now apply to the charged groups. A concern that the Commission had was AAU teams. They charge administrative fees, and this is a conflict with rule number 14. Also, they wanted to know would these rules apply to the fields or the pool. This would affect Everson Soccer field rental or the Woodbridge Aquatic Club pool rental. Jim will work on this with Betsy. Jim replied that we currently do not rent out to AAU teams, because we simply do not have the gym space available.

13) Correspondence:

A) Spring/Early Summer Field Requests. The Commission asked if there were any conflicts. The first one was that Woodbridge Soccer wanted to switch from Wednesdays to Mondays. Jim had discussed with Amity Lacrosse and they agreed to the switch. The second conflict was that Amity Little League has had Center Field on Saturdays from 9 to 3 in the past, and now Amity High School would like that time. The Commission recommended for Jim to reach out to Adam Forstrom to see if they need the field on Saturdays, or if both groups can split a field. Dwight mentioned to let Everson Soccer know that Beth-Wood Baseball might have a conflict with Everson soccer on June 16. Dwight mentioned to reach out to the JCC for their spring request. Finally, in a case when a group such as Everson soccer uses West River for Soccer, they should pay for three fields because the three baseball fields cannot be used. **Bob Hill made a motion to approve the 2019 Spring /Summer field requests excluding Amity High School and Amity Little League until a schedule is received. Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

14) Other Business: none

Bob Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight Rowland seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.