

WOODBRIAGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 24, 2020

PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Mary Alvarado, William DeRosa, Michael Helfenbein, Smith Mowry, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Theresa Bahner, Pool Director , Christopher Bahner, Assistant Pool Director, David A Cohen, Recreation Senior Supervisor, and Maria DePalma, Camp Hero Director

Board of Selectmen Liaison: Mica Cardozo

Recorder: Jim Franco

Public: Dwight Rowland

1) Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

2) Public Comments: none

3) Minutes: In section number 5, Andrea said that she had an email exchange with Tony, she did not meet with him face to face. In the Pool section add, swim lesson fliers will be given to the gymnastics classes. Finally, the numbers got out of order. They jumped from 6 to 9. With those changes, Smith Mowry **made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, January 27, 2020. Michael Helfenbein seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

4) Liaison report: A) Board of Selectmen liaison Mica Cardozo said that at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting the Country Club property will be discussed. There are ongoing negotiations with regards to the Country Club contract. In regards, to the budget hearings, the overall budget increase is less than one percent. The mill rate will go up two percent. The Grand List went down \$40 million, which caused the mill rate to go up. Andrea questioned about the "Old Red Barn". Mica said that there have been some inquiries, but that is all. There was no mention of the "Old Firehouse" and the Fitness Center move. The Darling House will be discussed. There is an issue with the caretaker being responsible for the farm and the house.

5) Chairman's Report/Vice Chairman's report: Andrea inquired about a "Wellness Day". Jim explained that he knows of a "Community Day" that Betsy is organizing on June 6th. He emailed all the Recreation vendors to see if they want to do a demonstration that day, on the Town Green. Smith reports that the PTA would like to dedicate the rock wall to Logan Testa after the Triathlon on June 6th. John explained to Smith, that the PTA would need to go through the Board of Education.

6) Pool: The Pool is going well. Winter session of swim lessons are still on going. Christopher thanks the custodians for doing an outstanding job. Theresa is promoting fliers for the gymnastics program, group and private lessons, and the new Live Well Senior program, which provides memberships to the pool and fitness center. She will

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get swim lesson fliers to the gymnastics classes to try to draw them into the swim lesson programs. The Commission welcomes back Theresa and congratulations on the birth of her children.

7) Personnel: Camila Mowerman and Jamie Genovese Jr. have applied for sports leaders. Both have passed their background checks and sex offender check. They will make \$11.00 per hour. **Michael Helfenbein made a motion to approve the candidates for sports leaders. Smith Mowry seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

8) Director's Report:

A) Fitness Center: We will be getting a battery for the console for the recumbent bicycle, to see if it fixes the current problem it is having. The company no longer makes parts for that model. It would cost approximately \$2,000 to replace that piece of equipment.

B) Outdoor Facilities: The Outdoor facilities are still closed, but the playgrounds are open. The parking area is being expanded at the Fitzgerald Walking Trails, by the Dog Park area, which will add 24 new parking spaces.

C) Tennis Courts: John mentioned the tennis courts will be open by April 1.

D) Programs and Sports: The sports are going well, especially the Saturday morning programs, gymnastics and basketball. The Saturday grades 4 through 8 group, has over 30 participants, which is the most in years. Both boys and girls play in this program. The coaches do a great job, Steve Cahoon, Dave Smith, John-Michael Adamovich, and Doug Fortune. Andrea inquired are we getting the maximum use of programs, while we have a custodian on duty. Jim explains that there are programs running in the gym on both weekend days, along with birthday parties in the afternoons, in the South Assembly room, on Saturdays and Sundays. John added, if there is an idea for a program, Saturday or Sunday mornings are available in the South Assembly room. Christopher added that the custodian needs to put the "turtle" into the pool for the pool's cleaning on Sunday mornings. Custodian hours are limited because they can only work 29 hours per week. There is a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday custodian, and a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday custodian. Some Saturdays the custodian is there from 7 am to 6:30 pm.

E) Financial Report: The current expenses are at \$353,362.49 61.8% Last year at this time, we were \$353,645.84 61.0%. Expenses should be at 66.64%, so we are below where we should be, but slightly above last year, because of only one snow day this winter. Current income is \$102,365.78 42.4%. Income at this time last year was \$117,676.17 44.9%. Jim mentioned that some of the decrease can be due to that we are asking for two separate collections at this point, in time instead of one. There used to be just the summer concerts fund raiser that we collect for at this time, which goes to the general fund. Now, we have added the triathlon, which goes to the road race account. Currently the triathlon has collected \$1,500 in sponsorships. It has passed last year's mark at this time, with one week still remaining in accepting donations.

9) Skating Rink: The rink was closed for the season, today. It was drained. It requires 5 days straight of freezing weather to be skate able. The 10 day forecast did not have that

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type of weather pattern. John said that it was open for 5 days this winter, and over 250 participants use it. Jim added that the office did receive calls about renting ice time. So, it has some potential to generate income. John explained that he spoke with Tony, and Recreation is purchasing a 40 foot trailer to store the ice rink. The cost is \$4,000, and will be taken from the revolving account. The trailer will go next to the other Town trailers at Center Field.

10) Policies and Procedures: none

11) Correspondence- A) Field Requests. Amity Softball Little League. Dwight explained that Amity softball is composed of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge player. Beth-Wood Softball combined with Orange softball. Little League will have to share the field on Saturday mornings with Amity High School, one field each. Smith Mowry **made a motion to approve the Spring 2020 field requests from Amity Softball Little League. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

12) Other Business: Theresa would like to see a line requiring a swim test added to the triathlon flier. She will require two weeks for everyone to complete a swim test. Last year, all but one participant received a swim test. The one that did not, was not able to participate in the swimming portion of the race. The race will cost \$30 per student, again this year. John mentioned that the Camp Hero program will run for two weeks this summer. We are waiting to hear back from Sandy Simowitz to find out when the School's Enrichment Program will be having their play in the South Assembly room. John told Maria that they will need to fund raise again this year. There were 9 students in last year's program, and the goal is 15 students this summer. A child may sign up for both weeks.

13) Michael Helfenbein **made a motion to adjourn. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.**

Respectively Submitted,

Jim Franco
Office Manager