

# WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 20, 2019

### PRESENT:

Commission Members present: Robert Hill, Dwight Rowland, Chester Sharp, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein

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

Liaisons: Andrew Pels, Board of Finance

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Public: Meagan Acampora, Erin Hogan

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

1) Public Comments: Meagan Acampora addressed the need of a Special Needs camp by reading a poem by Emily Perl Kingsley entitled “Welcome to Holland”. The children deserve and need the program. Erin Hogan read a letter on behalf of Clio Nicolakis, who could not attend tonight’s Recreation meeting. She brought to the attention that the budget is \$3,000 not \$8,000. Maria Depalma would be the Director of the program, who is a certified Special Education teacher, that deals with pre-k at Beecher. Another issue is that the 8 student maximum is too low, and even 10 students are low. She concludes by asking to please vote yes for the program.

2) Minutes: Dwight Rowland **made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of Monday, April 29, 2019. Bob Hill seconded the motion.** The Commission commented on an email that Clio Nicolakis sent regarding the minutes. The \$8,000 mentioned in that meeting was the figure that they had at that time. John added that was the figure he had before he had a meeting with Clio, Meagan, Tony Genovese, and Betsy Yagla. So, that was not an error. However, there was a correction to the minutes. The Director’s report should be number 6, not number 7 as listed. **With that correction, Bob Hill, Dwight Rowland, and Chester Sharp voted in favor. Jane Shernow and Andrea Weinstein abstained.**

**Dwight Rowland made a motion to move the SPED Camp program to the third item in the agenda. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

3) SPED Camp program: John mentioned that he had two meetings with Tony, Betsy, Meagan, and Clio. The goal was to come up with a feasible budget. The \$500 for hours of planning the camp will be removed. Medical supplies will be in the budget, so that there will be supplies close by. Anthony Taddei will work with the pool one afternoon for \$60. Theresa will be involved at no charge. The goal will be to fundraise \$725. For the first year, the program will try to run at a 10 student maximum. The Director’s salary would go from \$875 to \$1,000. There will be a camp nurse. Bob suggested to limit it to Woodbridge residents. John suggested that it should be open to the Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge residents. Bob asked John if he was comfortable with the program.

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John said that we can do it, and that he will be there. Meagan added that she will be donating her time. Andrea is pleased to have the program move forward, and thanked Meagan. John apologizes for the problem in the beginning, but added “we did not fall”. Bob questioned if there are other programs around. “Camp Happiness” is in Milford, but that program is only open to Milford residents. John checked and the only other similar programs are near the New York area. The goal of the program is to break even. Bob suggests, again, the concern to have Woodbridge residents a priority in the program. John responded by saying that we can do what we do for the CIT program, and have the Woodbridge residents have a week of priority registration, and then it would open to Bethany and Orange residents. John would like to see a donation from both Bethany and Orange Recreation Departments.

**Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the SPED summer camp program with a limit of 10 students, opening registration up the first week to Woodbridge residents only, and then to Bethany and Orange residents, and changing the Director’s Salary from \$875 to \$1000, and planning hours from \$500 to 0, for a total cost of \$3,050. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

**4) Personnel: Bob Hill made a motion to approve Aidan Massa-Vaspassiano as Pre-School Camp Door Security. Dwight Rowland seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Bob Hill made a motion to approve the Pre-School Camp staff and salaries. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Bob Hill made a motion to approve the Summer Camp staff and salaries. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

**5) Director’s Report: (not discussed, but in the packet E) Financial Report The current expenses are at \$439,905.64, 75.5% Last year at this time, we were \$464,500.73,79.5%. Current income is at \$155,979.36, 59.6%. Last year, at this time we were at \$163,113.32,61.2%. .**

**Bob Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight Rowland seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.**