

WOODBRIAGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 24, 2019

PRESENT:

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

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

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

1) Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

2) Public Comments: No public

3) Minutes: Dwight Rowland **made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday, May 20, 2019. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. Andrea wanted to clarify that Maria DePalma is a Certified Special Education Teacher. All voted in favor.**

4) **No liaison report.**

5) **No Chairman's report**

6) Pool: Chris reports that everything is going well. The first day of camp went well. Cleanliness is great. Theresa is working on a survey which will be ready towards the end of summer camp. The Commission understands that we need enough enrollees to justify the employees. John gives an example that we don't have enough in the spring to make it worth it to run the Saturday basketball program.

7) Personnel: **Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve Olivia Lieby, Alexander Lorenzo, and Quinnlan Burke for swim instructors. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the Camp Hero staff and salaries. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

8) Director's Report: A) Fitness Center is fine. Old Firehouse is not ready, yet. The mechanical and electrical upgrades are out for bid with the upgrades to begin in the fall. B) Outdoor Facilities. John reports that Center Field is in mint condition. The Fitzgerald walking trail is great. Jim reports that Tim Anderson and the Parks Dept. crew did an excellent job getting the outdoor volleyball court in shape. C) Tennis Courts. Center tennis courts are very busy. No update on when the Beecher Courts will be repaired. D) Programs- Summer Camp has 220 enrolled, the Triathlon had over 60 enrolled, Spring Bowling had over 20 enrolled, and the Running Club had over 80 enrolled. SPED camp will be July 22 to July 26. We have 6 enrolled so far. John mentioned that Stephanie Critch will be assisting John with Camp Hero. E) Financial Report The current expenses are at \$473,529.14, 81.5% Last year at this time, we were \$545,434.34,93.0%. Current income is at \$202,023.84, 77.2%. Last year, at this time we were at \$249,899.44, 93.8%. Jim explains that the report was run last Wednesday, and income has been coming in. So, those income figures are off. John reports that next year there will be a 0

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budget. If you want to add a program, then a program will need to be cut. This year to cover the cost of the cuts, the 10 am to 12:30 swim time will be reduced to 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Andrea questioned why 10:30 to 12:30 instead of 10 to 12. Jim explained that many swimmers come in at 12 for that last half hour.

9) Town Plan – no report

10) Dog Park – Still fund raising

11) Skating Rink- John reports that Tony has the information.

12) Summer Concerts. There are 5 concerts this year. They kick off next Tuesday, July 2, with a Frank Sinatra Tribute band.

13) Policies and Procedures

14) Correspondence- Field Requests. Bob wanted to make clear to the adult groups that no alcohol is permitted at the fields. Most of the field requests are similar to previous years. Bob explains that Orange Soccer Association is Amity Travel soccer. A new request for them this year is Tuesday thru Thursday at the Pease Rd fields at 5:30 pm, from the last week in August until the second week in November. Their Center field request will be the same as last year Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at 5:30 pm from the last week of August until the second week in November. Woodbridge Soccer Club has reduced their request to Monday evenings and Saturdays. Bob explained how Woodbridge Soccer Club now only deals with grades pre-k to second grade. Amity LL softball, formerly Beth-wood Softball, will have Monday and Tuesday evenings, along with Saturday mornings at Center Field. Ezra Academy requests Pease Rd Fields on Tuesday, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 from Sept. 1 to November 3. The final new request comes from the Connecticut Raiders. They are an AAU team looking for Saturday and Sunday mornings at Center. Sunday mornings are unavailable due to Mark Aferzon's normal soccer request. They will need to coordinate with Little League, the Saturday morning schedule. The AAU must be aware that they need to pay for their field usage and that they may be bumped for a Town program. Bob Hill made a motion to approve the field requests with the above mentioned changes. Stan Gedansky seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

15) Other Business – Bob Hill made a motion to celebrate Stan Gedansky's forty years on the Recreation Commission. All voted in favor. Bob has been with Stan 12 years on the Recreation Commission. He explained how Stan has done so much for the Town. Andrea thanked Stan for his leadership. Dwight mentions that is has been a pleasure to serve with Stan for twenty years. It is also Dwight's last meeting, too. Jane said that she was honored. John Adamovich said that he has known Stan for over 40 years, and he truly will be missed. Stan thanked John for driving him around, and picking him up these last years, to make it possible for him to attend the meetings. Dave Cohen said "God bless you". Chris thanked Stan. Jim Franco thanked Stan for being on the committee that hired him, and making it possible to work at Woodbridge Rec.

16) **Stan Gedansky make a motion to adjourn. Dwight Rowland seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.**