

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
January 8, 2024

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Joanne Kelly, Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook. Community Services Director Jenn Pote; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joanne Kelly and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Boat Ramp End of Year Report:** Boat Ramp Director, Hank Vallely, has submitted his end of year report to Jenn Pote. The season went smoothly. Lake resident passes were up slightly and day passes were down slightly. The ramp had to close for a few days due to high water.
- **MyRec.com:** Jenn Pote explained that the cost of MyRec.com has an annual fee of \$3295. Due to an oversight, this was not budgeted for in the General Fund. **Motion:** To approve payment of \$3295 to renew the MyRec.com subscription from the Parks and Recreation checking account. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Christmas Tree Bonfire:** The suggestion was made to Jenn Pote to schedule a Christmas Tree Bonfire event. Jenn has spoken with First Selectman Jim Brinton, Fire Chief Craig Wilber and Fire Marshall Troy Kaiser who all approved the idea to hold the event at the Old Town Garage site on Titus Road on February 4, 2024 from 3:00-6:00p.m. Two fire trucks will be on site. Jenn will be looking into having a food truck. Jenn will also inquire about Rumsey Hall School's snow making machine.
- **2024-2025 Budget Meeting:** A budget workshop meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024 at 5:00p.m. Jenn Pote will ask Facilities Manager Mark Showalter to attend.
- **Swim Lessons:** Jenn will be contacting Mo VanMoffaert regarding holding swim lessons in February at Shepaug.
- **Summer Concerts:** The Commissioners discussed the possibility of scheduling several concerts throughout the year. Jenn will contact the band Booyah Funk (who performed at the Harvest Festival) to determine their availability. **Motion:** To schedule a spring concert. BY joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.
- **Spring/Summer programs and activities:** Jenn will be scheduling another After School Arts & Crafts program with Marisabel Artieda. The past program was a huge success with a waiting list. Other Ideas discussed included more programs for middle schoolers such as the tennis clinic held this past spring with Joanne Kelly instructing. Jenn will also inquire if the Spartan Club is available to have high school students be involved with programs/ events for younger children.
- **Bowling Alley:** Jenn will check with mark Showalter regarding the need to refinish the alleys.

- **Mohawk Mountain:** Jenn will follow up on the suggestion to hold a “tubing” event.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:38p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk