

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
April 15, 2024

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

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

Call to Order: Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m. noting there was no a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission: No action taken due to lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Town Beach – Kayak/Canoe Rack:** Town resident, John Corrigan, has inquired about having a Kayak/Canoe Rack installed at the Town Beach for residents to store their boats. The Commissioners saw no problem with this idea and agreed to discuss it's cost and placement at the next meeting. Residents would need to sign a waiver releasing the Town from any liability and would be responsible for providing their own locks.
- **July 4th Freedom Run:** Last year's run was held at the Shepaug School Campus because of the closure of Tunnel Road in Steep Rock to allow for the reconstruction of the Tunnel Road bridge. Construction should be completed by the end of next month however, reopening of Tunnel Road will need to be confirmed.
- **Multi-Sports Camp:** Jenn Pote has received inquiries asking about the possibility of offering a multi-sports camp. Skyhawks Sports Academy provides various sports programs and package options for children 7-10 years old. "Children discover and develop athletic skills and social values, such as teamwork, respect..." The cost is \$185/week per child. The camp may be offered the weeks of June 17-21, 2024 and July 29-August 2, 2024 (dependent on facility availability). More information will be available from the Parks and Recreation office and website. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to offer this program. 10% of the registration fees will be given back to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Cinco De Mayo Event:** May 4, 2024 7:00-10:00p.m. Bryan Memorial Town Hall Featuring Boo Yah Funk, Swanson Foundation Food Truck and the Mobile Pub. \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased on washingtondepotct.myrec.com.
- **Seatow Grant –** George Steiner – Assistant Recreation Director, applied for and received a grant from the Seatow Foundation that will provide funds for a kiosk at the Boat Launch that will offer life jackets, the "Sober Skipper" materials and pledge to promote boating safety on the Lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Summer Camp:** Brian Mc Cauley will again be the Director with Michael Pringle as his Assistant.
- **Town Beach:** The entrance to the Beach area will be changed to be closer to the entrance to the parking lot. There is already a double gate in place and signage will be moved from the previous location to the new one. Mike Perachi will be the Beach Director with Luke Schneider as his assistant.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Commission extended its condolences to the families of Edwin Whitehead and Charlie Chapin.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk