

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Monday, February 12, 2024
7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Barbara Lazzari called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Present and seated were Louise Concodello, Sarah Stock, Kim Irizarry, Dave LeJeune and Kendra Montstream.

Guest: Gordon Henley

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes – January 8, 2024

Louise Concodello made a motion to accept the January 8, 2024 minutes as presented. Kim Irizarry seconded and all were in favor.

4. Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per comment

None at this time

5. New Business

5.1 Easter Egg Hunt

Ray Bull noted that Easter is early this year - March 31st. Weather might be an issue for an easter egg hunt at Blish Park in March. Decision was made to schedule the event for March 30, 2024, with option to move it indoors at the Senior Center if needed. Ray Bull will order supplies. An Easter Bunny volunteer is needed.

6. Old Business

6.1 Bath House Renovations

The town is considering using town staff for some of the renovations. Ray Bull will follow up.

6.2 Memorial Benches

B. Lazzari noted she discussed the memorial benches with the Town Manager. Discussed the high cost, potential vandalism and maintenance expenses. The commission discussed alternatives such as memorial trees, concrete bench or something on the town green which has more visibility/less vandalism.

6.3. Budget Update

Ray Bull obtained a quote to update the fields. He noted there is washout by the sidewalk at the beach from rain that needs to be repaired. There is also water between the playscape and park during rain. The frog pond is also flooding.

7. Reports – Director's Report

Ray Bull Reported:

The winter session is in full swing. The registrations numbers for winter programs have been good. Registration for spring programs opens March 1st. The spring brochure will be sent to the printer this week. They will be inserted in the Rivereast once we get them back from the printer.

Registrations for the kayak/canoe slips begins on March 1st. This year's form will be uploaded to the webpage next week. We currently have 72 slips available for rental. Rentals are \$100.00 per slip with a maximum of two per person.

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I will be looking for a volunteer to be our Easter bunny. I will send a notice in the RHAM newsletter to let students know about the opportunity for volunteer hours.

The lifeguard and camp counselor letters have gone out. At this time, we have 9 lifeguards and 6 counselors that have committed to returning for another summer. I set a deadline of March 1st to respond with intentions for this summer. Any openings, which I anticipate to be few, will then be posted.

I spoke with the representative from Toro. The sand pro we ordered will be in by the end of March.

End of Director's Report

Discussed leaving the old sand pro at Park Road field and bringing the new one to West Road Memorial Field. Discussed adding boulders at the West Road field to prevent driving on the grass when the gate is closed.

8. Correspondence
No correspondence

9. Public Comments-Limit of 3 minutes per comment
Gordon Henley commented he inspected the fields last week. At West Rd Memorial Field the stone dust has flowed down into one corner. It needs to be pushed back up and spread out. He noted the field is being used by various individuals that have caused damage. The patio by the flagpole needs maintenance. The lettering in the memorial bricks has worn. There are more memorial bricks that need to be added. The baseball needs to be painted.

The commission discussed adding signage at the fields to prevent unauthorized use and damage.

10. Adjournment
Barbara Lazzari made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM and Dave LeJuene seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting March 11, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk