

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Monday, February 13, 2023
7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Barbara Lazzari called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Present and seated were Louise Concodello, Kim Irizarry, Sarah Stock and Dave LeJeune.
Also present: Ray Bull, Parks and Recreation Director

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda

3. Acceptance of Minutes

January 9, 2023

Louise Concodello made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes as submitted. Kim Irizarry seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 5-0-0

4. Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per comment

Wayne Seidel, Director of the Marlborough Jr Ancient Fire and Drum Corps and Amy Limmer Assistant Director, were present. Wayne Seidel commented that Fife and Drum has been in Marlborough since 1964, serving the youth of Marlborough and surrounding communities. It is made up of children ages 8 through 18. Beginning in 1966, Marlborough hosted a Fife and Drum Muster in town. A Muster is a gathering of Fife and Drum Corps from all around. The Muster was held in Blish Park from the 1970s until 2010. The group reformed in 2016 and would like to host a Muster in Blish Park September 15 – 17, 2023. The main event will be Saturday September 16th with 20-30 Drum Corps in attendance. Some participants will camp overnight. The Muster will raise awareness about Fife and Drum and bring people to Marlborough for the event.

Park Rules and Regulations were discussed.

Louise Concodello made a motion to allow the Marlborough Fife and Drum to host a Muster at Blish Park from 9/15/23 – 9/17/23. The weekend will include camping overnight. The Park Rules and Regulations were explained and distributed.

Barbara Lazzari seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 5-0-0

5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

6.1 2023-2024 Budget

Ray Bull reported the tennis court project will be going out to bid. They are getting quotes for bathhouse repairs. He is assessing what work is required at the ball fields. The next budget meeting is scheduled for 2/15/23.

7. Reports – Director’s Report

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Ray Bull reported the following:

The winter session is in full swing. The registration numbers for winter programs have been good. Registration for spring programs opens in March 1st. The spring brochure will be done by the end of 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 54 slips available for rental. Rentals are \$100.00 per slip with a maximum of two per person.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1st at Blish Park. I will be looking for volunteers 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 7 lifeguards and two 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.

The “Just Breathe” signs from AHM were received and will be installed by Public Works.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence

9. Public Comments-Limit of 3 minutes per comment

No public comments at this time

10. Adjournment

Barbara Lazzari made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM and Dave LeJeune seconded. All were in favor.

Future Meetings: Parks and Recreation Commission meeting March 13, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk