

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Barbara Lazzari called the meeting to order at 7:08PM. Present and seated were Louise Concodello, Kim Irizarry and Dave LeJeune.

Guests

Peter Hughes, Director of Planning and Development

Lindsay Schmitt and Amy Bush, HAMR Softball President and acting Vice-president

2. Additions to the Agenda

Barbara Lazzari made a motion to add 5.4 Adult Exercise Area Sustainable CT.

Louise Condello seconded and all were in favor.

Louise Concodello made a motion to add 5.5 Bands for Summer and 5.6 Marlborough Day Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts. Kim Irizarry seconded and all were in favor.

3. Acceptance of Minutes – March 11, 2024

Louise Concodello made a motion to accept the March 11, 2024 minutes as presented.

Barbara Lazzari seconded and all were in favor.

4. Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per comment

Lindsay Schmitt and Amy Bush (HAMR Softball) commented on town plans to update the West Road Memorial Field. They requested modifying the multipurpose field to a regulation size little League softball field. They commented that the softball program has grown from 35 girls in 2018 - to over 100 at this time.

Ray Bull noted the multipurpose field has only been used by the HAMR softball program in recent years. Will investigate the cost to modify the field and if Public Works can assist with labor.

5. New Business

5.1 Repairs to Climbing Wall

B. Lazzari reported the climbing wall in Blish Park needs repairs. Ray Bull will check on it.

5.2 Town Manager / Park and Rec Public Forum

B. Lazzari reported the Town Manager has proposed Meet and Greets with commissions and the public.

5.3 Signage for Fields

Tabled

5.4 Outdoor Exercise Area – Sustainable CT

P. Hughes spoke about a recommendation by the Sustainable CT Group to build an Outdoor Exercise Areas in town targeted for adults. Discussed potential areas in Blish Park. The project will need be paid for through fundraising.

5.5 Bands for Summer

L. Concodello noted she had a request for a specific band that performed in 2023 to return this summer. Ray Bull replied that the band in question has been booked for July 4, 2024.

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5.6 Marlborough Day Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts

L. Concodello reported the Boy Scouts informed her they were unable to attend Marlborough Day last year due to the fee. The commission will recommend that Boy/Girl Scouts be free.

6. Old Business

6.1 Bath House Renovations

P. Hughes reported a bid was accepted for the Bathhouse renovation. The project should be complete by Memorial Day. A detailed scope of work was distributed to commission members. A fan will be added to improve ventilation. Still need a quote for electrical work. Barbara Lazzari mentioned there was discussion at prior meetings to investigate adding a secure area behind the bathhouse to store the boats.

P. Hughes reported the boat launch will be closed starting September 3, 2024 for construction. A new boat launch will be installed with handicap access. The sidewalk will also be extended to the parking lot.

6.2 Sand pro Update

R. Bull reported the new Sand Pro is scheduled to arrive next week.

6.3. Budget Update

Public hearing scheduled for May 6, 2024.

6.4 Sand for Waterfront

Sand is needed to fill in the area of the beach that was washed out over the winter. There was a suggestion to try to pull some of the sand back out of the lake. If not, will purchase a small amount.

7. Director's Report

Ray Bull Reported:

Spring is here and the busy season is upon us! Registration is ongoing for spring/summer programs. There has been positive response to the upcoming programs. Pavilion rentals have started to increase and the summer is starting to book up.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 30th. We had a great turnout despite the chilly temperature. The Easter Bunny was there to greet and take pictures with all the kids who attended. The kids enjoyed the egg hunt, and I received positive feedback from many families who attended.

The Kid's Fishing Derby is being held on Sunday May 5th at 9am. We will award prizes for biggest fish, smallest fish, first fish and most fish caught.

Registration for Netto Camp opened on April 1st. I have received several applications for camp counselor positions. I will be interviewing candidates for camp counselor positions at the end of this month.

Kayak slips for the summer are sold out. Our summer concert series is booked. We will be offering 7 concerts this summer. All concerts are held at Blish Park on Thursdays at 6pm.

End of Director's Report

8. Correspondence

No correspondence

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9. Public Comments-Limit of 3 minutes per comment

No public comments

10. Adjournment

Dave LeJeune made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM and Kim Irizarry seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting May 14, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk