

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Senior Center
Monday, September 11, 2023
7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Barbara Lazzari called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Present and seated were Louise Concodello, Kendra Montstream and Dave LeJeune.

Absent: Kim Irizarry and Sarah Stock

Also present: David Porter, Town Manager

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions

3. Acceptance of Minutes – August 14, 2023

Louise Concodello made a motion to accept the minutes of August 14, 2023 as submitted. Kendra Montstream seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per comment

David Porter commented he is grateful for the good work of Ray Bull and the commission. The variety of programs offered and amount of participation is remarkable.

5. New Business

5.1 Townwide Tag Sale

The townwide tag sale is scheduled for October 7, 2023. The event will be advertised in the Rivereast, Parks and Recreation brochure and on Facebook. The registration fee is \$25.00. Participants can reserve a space at the Senior Center or have the tag sale at their home. All fund raised will be allocated for playscape maintenance. 501c3 status was briefly discussed to allow for tax deductible donations. Discussed when major renovations might be needed on the playscape. Barbara Lazzari noted it has been 15 years since the last major renovation.

5.2 Summer Program Update

Ray Bull reported summer programs were very profitable for the department. He had the largest turnout for Netto Camp since he has been Director. There were 350 enrolled in summer programs. The triathlon passes and kayak racks sold well. Two kayaks have been available for rental at the town beach. Briefly discussed purchasing inflatable paddle boards to rent in the future.

5.3 Memorial Benches

Ray Bull spoke with Peter Hughes who informed him of the process: choose a memorial bench and where they will be located. Send the information to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Discussed whether to cap the number of memorial benches to make available and adding a maintenance fee to the sale price. Barbara Lazzari will look into options for next meeting.

5.4 2024 Meeting Date Calendar

Meeting dates for 2024: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 9.

Barbara Lazzari made a motion to approve the calendar for 2024. Dave LeJeune seconded and all were in favor.

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6. Old Business

6.1 Bath House Renovations

Barbara Lazzari reported the project will go out to bid this fall.

6.2 Tennis Court Renovation - Update

Ray Bull reported the renovations are complete. Kendra Montstream reported there are large stakes near the tennis court edge that may pose a trip hazard. Ray Bull will check on that.

6.3 Marlborough Jr Ancient Fife and Drum Corp Muster

Ray Bull reported the muster is set for September 15 – 17. There will be a parade on Saturday at 11am. Twelve groups are participating.

6.4 Gathering on the Green - Santa

Barbara Lazzari reported she briefly discussed the Gathering on the Green with Joe Asklar and they will schedule a planning meeting with the Fire Department for the end of September. The Fire Department will handle the parade and fireworks. The commission discussed lighting the tree when Santa arrives - rather than right before the fireworks. This will allow for photos in front of the tree and add light to the area. The event is scheduled for December 2nd. Discussed inviting a school band to play music and Kendra Montstream volunteered to contact the school. Barbara Lazzari noted EDC would like to be involved.

7. Reports – Director’s Report September 11, 2023

Registration for fall programs opened on August 28th. We have advertised in the bulletin, sent flyers to schools, put an insert in the Rivereast, advertised on our website and Facebook page. Registration numbers have been good thus far.

The beach has closed for the season. This summer was a very successful summer for programs and the waterfront. We had record registration numbers for Netto camp. We added 18 kayak racks this summer and all 72 racks were rented for the summer by residents. This summer we sold 102 triathlon training passes to athletes to utilize the lake for training. I will include the Netto program summaries at next month’s meeting.

Central CT State University will be hosting a swim race on Sunday, September 24th at the lake. There will be three races beginning at 8am. Local university athletes will be competing against each other to qualify for future races this season. There will also be an open division race for non-collegiate athletes. Central will be providing lifeguards, spotters on the lake and timers for this event. They will be making a donation to parks and recreation for letting them hold the event at the lake.

We have a couple of pavilion rentals throughout the month of September.

End of Director’s Report

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Barbara Lazzari suggested Ray inform the public of the swim race and Fife and Drum Muster.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence

9. Public Comments-Limit of 3 minutes per comment

No public comments

10. Adjournment

Barbara Lazzari made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM and Dave LeJeune seconded. All were in favor.

Future Meetings:

Parks and Recreation Commission meeting October 2, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk