

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2021

A.

The meeting called to order at 6:32 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Megan Nelson, Pam Welles, Jon Sweeton and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance. Melissa Roy was absent.

B. There was no public input.

C. The March minutes were reviewed. Pam Welles made the motion to accept, Megan Nelson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

D. Correspondence

There was correspondence from parents, Mark Mahoney, Ed Connors for the Easter Bunny event. Squires Tavern, Don Stein, the MDC for Summer Camp, Interviews for Summer Camp staff, River Steward Applications/Interviews. Barkhamsted School for Pickleball. Jim Warner for use of the pavilion for fitness classes.

E. Old Business:

Director Carney-Bastrzycki reported on the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 3 event went very well. There was 80-100 in attendance and two newspaper articles about it. The parents and children all seemed happy. In coordination with Mark Mahoney, Ed Connors and Stephan Bastrzycki. Rec Commission members helped to advertise, and Donna noted that it was good to have the registrations done ahead of the event. She is looking at this style of event for future programs.

F. New Business

Summer camp planning underway for July 26-30th. The theme is the "Olympics." Director Carney-Bastrzycki met with the camp leaders to review supplies and start planning lessons, plus reviewed the current State guidelines. She is recommending the camp max at 30 right now based on our space and resources. Interviews off to a great start. So far three counselors and one JC

and looking for more staff. There is still more to plan on, especially with waterfront. Once swim is set, she can advertise. Director is looking at the possibility of some grant money to help defray the cost. Target date of advertising camp is end of May and have registration through the month of June. Director and Don Stein have consulted about using East Beach again this year. Other possible sites were discussed; however, it was determined that East Beach would be the best site for the camp.

F. Upcoming Programs

Outdoor Fitness with Robyn Centrella will be held on April 22, April 29, May 6 in the Pavilion. Director asked commission members to help advertise.

Director is working on another summer "Family Fun Day" for August at Squires Tavern with the summer camp leaders. Also is coordinating with the river stewards about summer programs.

Farmington River Anglers is hosting along with the FRCC and FRWA Farmington River Cleanup on Saturday, April 24 from 9-3.

John Sweeton suggested that we look into a Disc golf activity – he will check with Norbrook Farm in Colebrook for additional information. There are three active Disc golf sites in the area.

Director Carney-Bastrzycki has a conflict for the May 17<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting and asked for consideration of another date in May. Meeting will be scheduled for May 10.

Nora Bishop motioned to adjourn and Peter Bakker, Jr. seconded the motion. All accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Nora Bishop.