**Winchester, CT Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 20th 2022 Special Meeting**

Call to order at 7:08 pm

**Members in attendance**: Kurt Williams, Allen Miller, Joe Lefkowski ,Tim McGrane, Shayne Deschamps , Bryan Sundie ,

**Absent**: Jamie Duffy, Diane Ransom, Brian Shaughnessy, Kurt Root, Claudia DelaCruz, Beth Whitney

**Director**: Tanya Risucci present

**Selectmen**: Jon Morhardt present

**Walker/Dodge Field Lights:**

* Lights and Poles deemed unsafe at this time.
* Public works is overseeing removal of lights and poles. Target date for removal 7/22
* Town manager is currently working on estimated cost for light replacement from Musco and funding option(s) via grants
* 2022 Soccer Season less than month away from start- up. Lights important for late season activities ( Practice and games ) for both Youth Soccer and Gilbert
* Inviting Kevin Lillie to August 3rd meeting to discuss impact to program and determine what support Soccer will need from Recreation Board.
* Discussion around possible alternative temporary lighting, possible use of Ryan Field Lights (Dedicated to Softball) and other field usage options to lessen impact of no light season.
* Board is concerned about Town priority level that will be given for new lighting and will programs be without more than just this season? Lights are an important asset for both the Recreation Department but also the community as a whole.
* Requested that Selectman Morhardt express this at the next Selectman meeting.

**April 2022 Ex Officitio Meeting** **Follow Up Action Items:**

* Youth Soccer sign up information transmitted via school electronic messaging
* Would like to get Open house dates for Public K-6 and Gilbert MS so Recreation and other programs can perhaps have a table at event.
* Tanya to reach out to Gilbert looking for Jr. /Sr. students who may be interested in board liaison position.
* Discussion on improved engagement with Schools recognized as a positive step forward. Concern that as ideas /programs increase Rec Director to full time position status is critical to ensure continued growth. 19 hours week will not suffice.
* Education to Selectman about Recreation Department /Programs is needed.
* Discussion around benefits of increased advertising
* Discussion on possible Recreation Logo development process.

**Adjournmen**t: 8:35pm , motion made by Allen Miller, seconded by Shayne Deschamp

Next Meeting: August 3 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Williams

Winchester, CT Recreation Department Board Chairman

The above minutes have not been approved by the Recreation Board, Approval will be made on the next regularly scheduled meeting.