

Town of Winchester/City of Winsted
Recreation Department
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4th, 2022, 7:00 pm
Francis P Hicks Room

Board Members

Kurt Williams, Chairman	Allen Miller, Member
Diane Ransom, Vice Chairman	Joseph Lefkowski, Member
Jamie Duffy, Secretary,	Shayne Deschamps, Member
Tanya Risucci, Recreation Director	Timothy McGrane III, Member
Jonathan Morhardt, Selectman Liason	Bryan Sundie, Member
Kurt Root, Member	Elizabeth Whitney, Member
Brian Shaughnessy, Member	

1. Call to order.

- 7:05 pm
- Kurt Williams, Tim McGrane III, JoeLefkowski, Allen Miller, Kurt Root, Shayne Deschamps, Beth Whitney

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes 12/7/22

- Motion by Allen Miller, 2nd Tim McGrane 5-0, Beth Whitney and Joe Lefkowski abstentions

3. Agenda Review

- Allen Miller, 2nd Tim McGrane, 7-0

4. Public Comment

- David Lapoint showed up as a guest at 7:15 pm
 - It was suggested and noted that the green building “is older and antiquated,” and it was suggested to look for charitable groups. For example, Northwest Community Bank to help revamp the building.
 - Suggested that the recreation board have a dedicated fund set up for anyone who wishes to donate towards it.

5. Communication Coordinator: Alan Nero

- No show

6. Chairman Report

- Kurt visited recreation basketball at Pearson; anyone going in needs to use the side door when going to Pearson. Barkhamsted also dropped out of the program.

- Tanya sent out an email about sexual harassment training that needs to be completed by all board members.
- Resident came to Kurt about starting some ice skating at either of the beaches. Possibly we could look at this for next season rather than this winter.

Tanya Risucci arrived at 7:09 pm

Jamie Duffy joined via phone at 7:11 pm

7. Field Lighting Update

- Grant funding was not approved; Candy Perez had signaled using public funds once the RFP bids come in.

8. Recreation Director Report

- Basketball started 1/3/23 and is going well.
- Little Fox Portraits is doing portraits for parents for basketball.
- We will be using the gym at NCCC in place of Pearson gym because of the drone program utilizing that space.
- All men's league games will be played at The Gilbert School, eight teams, B league only.
- All other programs are running well and well received.
- Budget guidelines came out yesterday; Tanya sent the information to all board members.
- Sexual harassment training needs to be completed by June.
- Recreation Dept budget concern is the high increase based on the guidelines. Along with the added part-time assistant for the Recreation Director and a part-time maintainer.

9. Old Business:

- Tatros Pond
 - Subcommittee met once for preliminary discussions and will meet on Saturday the 7th at 9 am at Tatros
 - Recreation Dept needs some input from public works on the dam and what needs to be done.
 - Kurt Williams will be joining the subcommittee meeting.
- Bachelor Playground update
 - The town manager and town planner know what equipment the department is interested in. It's just awaiting approval from the selectman/town manager.

10. New Business

- None

11. Adjournment

- Motion by Shayne Deschamps 2nd by Allen Miller 7-0