

Town of Winchester/City of Winsted
Recreation Department
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 1st, 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.

- Shayne Deschamps, Joseph Lefkowski, Bryan Sundie, Diane Ransom, Elizabeth Whitney, Kurt Williams

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes 2/1/23

- Motion by Joseph Lefkowski 2nd by Diane Ransom 6-0

3. Agenda Review

- Added 015 Account Spending item
- Motion by Shayne Deschamps, 2nd by Joseph Lukowski 6-0

4. Public Comment

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5. Communication Coordinator: Alan Nero

- Introduced himself and his role, and what he is currently doing
- What can Alan do to help us?
 - He is trying to push more into the marketing and communications video segment.
 - Alan would like to get more footage of dugouts, games, fields, and Tatros Park.
 - Possible addition of Firemans BBQ event
 - Communications are flowing between Alan and Tanya, one example being flyer for the spring cornhole league, easter materials, etc.
 - Discussion on getting video footage of our events and sports
 - Added discussion to get a recreation logo created

Brian Shaughnessy arrived at 7:13 pm

6. Chairman Report

- Softball and baseball numbers are closing soon; numbers are currently 60 registrations.
 - In comparison, New Hartford is currently at 180; discussion on why?
 - Discussion about what could be done differently to increase enrollment for not only softball/baseball but all programs

7. Field Lighting Update

- The sidewalk was completed with the contractor
 - I need to know where the drain pipe that goes across the field
 - Drawings should be available with the town
 - Before anything can be ordered, we need to get the missing information together
 - 3 Month procurement time for materials

8. Recreation Director Report

- Basketball is a go; snow could cancel the last game, and the pizza party
- One team has the possibility of making the championship
- All programs are going well and moving smooth
- Game club night
 - Four consecutive Wednesdays, 2-time slots based on age at the green building
 - A small fee will be charged to attend, and enrollment will be online, but drop-ins will be allowed.
 - K-2nd parents are required to stay
- David Castillo car show
 - Tanya talked to David about a possible car show at the skatepark
- Easter Event
 - Everything is all set, crafts, easter bunny, and materials
- EdAdvance would like an agreement with the Recreation Board
- Josh would like all town parks and playgrounds documented
- Winchester Center Part Discussion
 - It's not being maintained; it used to be a park
 - The board needs to see what exact parcel of land is being discussed
- Josh is in contact with Tanya about the playground equipment at Bachelor; she is waiting on them to approve what we want.
- Requested April meeting be moved to an earlier time

Bryan Shaughnessy departed at 8:08 pm

9. Old Business

- WPS Discussion about school utilization
 - Charges to use school buildings
 - Problems with rescheduling programs when the school is closed due to snow
 - Kurt will write a letter to the WBOE expressing our concerns

10. New Business

- 015 Account Spending
 - Tanya will bring recommendations to the May meeting

11. Adjournment

Motion by Shayne Deschamps, 2nd Joseph Lefkowski 8:45 pm 6-0