

Town of Winchester/City of Winsted  
Recreation Department  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, 7:00 pm  
Francis P Hicks Room

**Board Members**

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

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting called to order 7:21pm
  - b. Shayne Deschamps, Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Tim McGrane, Diane Ransom, John Morhardt
2. Agenda Review
  - a. None
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes 5/3/23
  - a. 1st Diane Ransom, 2nd Shayne Deschamps, 4-0-1
4. Public Comment
  - a. None
5. Chairman Report
  - a. Jaime Duffy resigned so that she could apply for the Recreation Assistant position and was awarded it.
  - b. The board is currently at nine members, which is the minimum per charter
  - c. A new member is being accepted at the next selectman's meeting; another member will be coming soon.
  - d. The beaches are all open; lifeguards helped put the buoys out
  - e. Softball leagues are finished
  - f. Four leagues will be using Walker Field for baseball
  - g. There is a new sidewalk at Walker Field
  - h. The poles and lights are still pending delivery dates

- i. Kurt met with Josh Kelly a few weeks ago
    - i. The board wishes to create a sinking fund, Josh explained that would need to go through the selectman. But Tanya should get this on next year's budget, and we should start with the grant writer to look for grants.
    - ii. There was discussion about the giveback question and reasoning, Josh had stated he did present a lowered amount, but the selectman raised it.
    - iii. Josh was very enthusiastic about a grant the town applied for; part of it was the Sue Grossman extension and a large amount of money for the Tatros Pond dam.
- 6. Board Secretary Position
  - a. Kurt Williams nominated Shayne Deschamps to take over the rest of the Secretary term
    - i. 1st Tim McGraine, 2nd Diane Ransom, 4-0-1
- 7. Recreation Project Spreadsheet Review
  - a. The recreation project list was reviewed and discussed accordingly to the 1/3/5/10-year plan.
    - i. Netting on Ryan's field vs. back Rowley needs to be escalated on the priority list.
    - ii. Lighting is a high priority, and we are looking at sinking fun for large fields.
    - iii. Tatros Pond needs lighting since we are putting equipment down there.
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Winchester Playground Area
    - i. Board members are asked to take a look at the land
  - b. Multiple Meeting Months
    - i. Tabled until the August meeting
- 9. New Business
  - a. None
- 10. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to Adjourn 1st by Shayne Deschamps 2nd by Tim McGraine 8:01pm