Town of Winchester/City of Winsted
Recreation Department
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023, 7:00 pm
Francis P Hicks Room

Board Members

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<th>Kurt Williams, Chairman</th>
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1. Call to order.
   - Joe Lefkowksi, Shayne Deschamps, Brad Burcroff, Tim McGraine, Kurt Williams, Tanya Rissuci, Diane Ransom, Bryan Sundie, Brian Shaughnessy, Kurt Root, Jamie Duffy
   - Called to order 7:02pm

2. Welcome New member(s)
   - Welcome Brad Burcroff

3. Agenda Review
   - Add approval of special meeting minutes
   - Add board discussions
   - Add multiple meeting months

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes 6/7/23
   - Change date from 6/1 to 6/7 on regular meeting
   - Motion by Diane to accept the amended meeting minutes 2nd by Kurt Root, Brian Sundie, and Brad Burcroff abstained
   - Motion by Tim McGraine 2nd by Brian Sundie, Brad Burcroff abstained

5. Public Comment
   - The fireman's carnival request was requested and approved by Tanya
     - Josh will need to approve the carnival
   - For personal fundraising projects, plant sales, Thursday the 10th or Thursday the 17th for a woman's church, a donation will be taken instead of the standard fee. Unanimous approval
- The Boy Scouts received the OK’d from planning and zoning. $2,053 is being looked for to cover the materials cost for the pavilion. Motion by Shayne Deschamps, 2nd by Joe Lefkowsk. Unanimous approval

6. Chairman Report
   - Check-in with Jamie and Tanya about how the new position is going. Positive response

Baseball
   - The baseball program is going exceptionally well
   - Winsted Youth League will be planning to put forward a fall softball league
   - The tristate season ended this past weekend
   - Walker Field is back to not being used since baseball is over
   - Winsted Youth Board is in full support of our desire to have more lights
   - New fencing was quoted at about 500ft of black chainlink around the Little League field
     $4500; Winsted Youth League will be funding the fence
   - Brad to get some pricing for fencing on Front Rowley field; is it possible to use more netting from the yard? Goats Donation

Soccer
   - Soccer signups are closed
   - When the soccer season starts, the board would like to have a small ceremony for the lights
   - Josh Penn is the new AD for The Gilbert School
   - Public comment from David Lapoint at the 6/7 meeting was addressed and checked on.
     Some tree trimming was done to expose the lights better
   - Diane Ransom’s public comment from the 6/7 meeting was addressed and fixed
   - Kurt will be on vacation for the September meeting, and Diane will run the meeting

7. Directors Report
   - Rec board approved tree cutting at Tatros Park via email
   - $500 is being spent to reuse Mark Douglass’s computer
   - 90% of fall work is done for programs
   - Need permission to use Hinsdale for the Art and Science programs
   - Ashley Clement is coming back as our program coordinator for basketball
   - Gaylord Tiffany grant is coming along well, a new door is to be installed
   - Troy Lamere has worked with B&D and Conavo to move the playground equipment from Bachelor to Tatros
   - Jamie is running Trunk or Treat as well as Movie night
   - Swim programs are ending this week
   - Parking permits: we have 15 left

8. Old Business:
   i. Winchester Playground Area
      - The board should survey for use cases from people in the area
        - Have selectmen mention it at the meeting
        - Town Social media pages
      - Should look at contracting the mowing for Winchester Playground
      - Possible Ideas
- Outdoor fitness area for adults
- Dog park
- Brian Sundie will take the lead on the survey

ii. Manor Playground Upper Area
- Possible survey the area to see what people want

iii. Field Lighting Future Rec. Funding Priority
- Kurt to request a meeting with the Finance Director, Grant Writer, Recreation Director and Town Manager

iv. Winter Rec Basketball Program .School Administration
- Summer programs were locked out multiple times this summer; this is after Melony assured us after Winter basketball that it wouldn't happen again
- The board will invite Melony to the September meeting

Joe left at 8:27

9. New Business
- Multiple meeting months
  - Tanya suggested possibly quarterly meetings additional with specific needs (examples being school admin meetings, budget, certain sports seasons)
  - January Budget, February Baseball softball, June summer, September for school meetings, December budget
  - Special meeting September WPS meeting
- Discuss members running for BOE
  - Any conflict would be left for the individual board member to decide to recuse or not

10. Adjournment
- Motion to Adjourn by Shayne Deschamps by 2nd Diane Ransom unanimous approval