

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

Board Members

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

1. Call to order.

- Joe Lefkowski, 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 Lefkowski. 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