

Town of Winchester/City of Winsted
Recreation Department
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6th, 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
Jacob Holcomb, Member	Kurt Root, Member
Ann Marie Holland, Member	

1. Call to order.
 - 7:04 pm in attendance: Shayne Deschamps, Joe Lefkowski, Jamie Duffy, Tim McGrane, Elizabeth Whitney, Brad Burcroff, Diane Ransom, Tanya Risucci, Melony Brady-Shanley, Ashley Clement, and Kurt Root arrived 7:13 pm
2. Welcome New member(s)
Anne Holland and Jacob Holcomb
3. Agenda Review
 - Trunk or Treat added under new business
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes 8/2/23
 - Motion by Joe Lefkowski 2nd by Shayne Deschamps
5. Rec Programs /School Access Discussion with School Superintendant.
 1. Closet space
 - The fire marshal said the equipment couldn't stay under the stage
 - Mel will talk to Steve Williams about keeping everything in that location and possibly needing to add a cart to put everything on wheels so as not to block the egress
 - Mel to get back to Tanya by the end of the week about closet storage
 - Rec to store hoops off-site during the off-season
 2. Keys for gym door access
 - Mel requested that Ashley get a fob, but it never happened. She will followup on this

- The fob will give access from 4:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on weekdays during the season, 24/7 access on the weekend during the season only
- 3. Garbage
 - Rec needs an extra trash can
 - Custodian staff have been more accommodating this past year
 - A can will be provided
- 4. Walkie Talkie Again
 - Walkie-talkies will continue this season
- 5. Access to a broom
 - Broom access will be provided
- 6. Custodian team
 - Tanya and Mel to discuss with the custodians about expectations and rec needs
 - 30 minutes before and after for custodians to clean and open up

Superintendent's List

1. Gym floor
 - The gym floor is being looked at being replaced
 - They are looking at aiming for April break to redo the gym floors
 - Once redone, a meeting will happen about maintaining the floor
 - Discuss court lining at a later date
 2. Bleachers
 - New bleachers are being looked at, possibly looking at cost-sharing
6. Public Comment
- Friends of Main Street wants to do another concert in the park
 - Silent auction and bake sale to help the STEM travel department; Northwestern would receive the funds
 - Emily Curtis wants to use the playground for a birthday party on November 12th
 - Birthday party on the November 27th
7. Chairman Report
- Membership is at a 12
 - Sept 20th meeting canceled, unanimous
8. Directors Report
- Programs starting Sunday, kickball Sunday 5 teams, karate starts Monday, gymnastics the 14th, mad science and art programs are a possibility, babysitting blast class will be attempted
 - Fireman's carnival caused about a minimum of \$1500 in field damage
 - A stake went through an irrigation line
 - A letter will need to go to the selectmen and town manager, formally requesting the money to cover the cost of the damages
 - Discussion regarding modifying the field usage agreement and including a deposit
9. Old Business:
- a. Winchester Playground Survey Status
- Tabled till next meeting
- B. Lighting update

- Poles are up; lighting should be done by 9/15

10. New Business

- Trunk or Treat
 - 5 donations last year
 - 200 participants
 - Every year we run out of candy
 - \$5 entrance fee was added for this year to offset the high cost

11. Adjournment

Motion by Shayne Deschamps 2nd by Beth Whitney