

Winchester, CT Recreation Board Meeting

January 3, 2024

Call to order at 7:03pm

Members in attendance: Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Joe Holcomb, Ann Marie Holland , Joe Holcomb ,Bryan Sundie

Absent: Diane Ransom, Joe Lefkowski, Brad Burcoff, Shayne Deschamps

Director: Tanya Risucci

Agenda Review: No changes

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

12/6/23 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes Joe Holcomb seconded by Ann Marie Holland. 5 favor 1 abstention.

12/13/23 Special Meeting Minutes: Minutes to be reviewed and accepted at February 7th 2024 meeting

Public Comment: None

Winsted Youth BB/SB Report

-Ben Starr (President)and Mike Bednarz (Vice President) provided overview of 2022 Accomplishments and Financial report .

* New Officers and Board of Directors elected at end of 2023. Currently 14 members with still a few unfilled positions.

* 2024 will be a transition year trying new avenues to engage more youth and families. Examples:

Registration fees will be lower than last year .

Registration to commence in January.

Equipment swap planned.

Working with Den to enhance overall program experience.

- Open discussion on state of youth sports and reason(s) why dwindling participation.

- Rec Board would like for annual Recreation budget allotment (Approx \$1800) to go towards a specific project item that Winsted Youth BB/SB is sponsoring rather than a just going into WYL general .

Chairman Report

- Initial responses coming forth from Winchester Center Playground Survey
- Walnut Street Town Owned Properties near Tatro Pond. According to Rec Director , Town manager has indicated that vacant town owned Walnut street properties abutting current Tatros pond area should not be included in any Friends of Tatros plans at this time.
- Board is in need to add additional members. Board membership currently stands at 10 .
- Diane Ransom term ends April 2024. Visit this at February meeting to determine if she would like to be considered for another term. Have request paperwork available at meeting.

Directors Report/Winter Programs :

- Basketball (Rec. and Travel) in full swing. Rec programs are utilizing Gilbert Gym.
- Pre K (28 children) and Grades 1-3 (22 children) starts 1/13 at Pearson
- Picture days 1/20 for Pre K & Grades (1-3) and 1/24 for Travel and remainder of Rec teams
- Mens basketball to commence 1/14 (8) teams . Still in need of refs for the season.
- Starting to prep for Summer staff
- **Old Business :**
 - 12/13 /23 Budget Prep Follow up
 - o Budget due 1/11
Currently shows a 26% increase.
 - o Deep dive into budget conducted by Tanya with Board members present
 - o Jamie looking into 2 monthly electric bills that do not belong to Rec Department.
 - o Board understanding is that annual give back (typically \$15-\$20,000) to Town from Rec Department Budget will not need to be factored in for this upcoming budget cycle prep based upon his discussion with Town Manager

Job Description Update : Maintenance Leader Position

- Both Jim Rollins and Tanya working on description to get through for final approval.

- **New Business:**

- Tanya requesting for Tatro Pond Dredging(Troy Lemere) be an Agenda item in February meeting. Necessary discussion to start process for Inland Wetlands formal review .

Adjournment: 8:39 pm first motion made by Joe Holcomb, seconded by Joe Holcomb

Next Meeting:Feb 7th 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Williams

Winchester, CT Recreation Department Board Chairman

The above minutes have not been approved by the Recreation Board, Approval will be made on the next regularly scheduled meeting.