

Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 14, 2019
8:00 a.m. at Parks and Recreation Department

Commissioners in Attendance:

Don Crouch, Dave Gelo, Jason Michael, and Steve Rossacci

Recreation Commission Members Absent: Mike Savenelli Sr

Recreation Department Staff Present: Michelle Bjorkman, Superintendent of Recreation Parks & Recreation; Kenny Michaels, Recreation Program Specialist

Special Guests:

Opening Remarks: Chairperson Dave Gelo called the meeting to order @ 8:00 a.m.

Minutes:

A motion made by Mike Savenelli and seconded by Dave Gelo to approved minutes from the previous June meeting.

Special Guests: Allotted time per guest 15 minutes per Article 4 of By-Laws

1. Grand St. Park Update on Renovations – Michelle

Gathering specifications for the bid process.

New benches at the park will be part of the renovations, at this point it is unclear who would pay for them. Dave asked if Phylis' bench could be moved to Wallace Park.

2. Improvements to the following Parks:

Pire Park - Richard Sheehan Park – Doolittle Park Building Ice Skating at Doolittle

Lufbery Park - Look to redesign / Parking / Pavilion / Playground etc.

This project is on hold.

3. Wallingford 350 - P&R Involvement- Up-Date

No Update

4. Advertising Signs on Town Property – Jason Michael

Jason asked that this topic be put on hold until a new Director is appointed.

5. Legacy Garden at Wallace Park – Nominate 2 new groups for Spring 2020

Dave asked the Commission if they have any nominations to forward them to him for the next meeting.

6. Community Lake Shoreline clearing – Date TBD

Dave mentioned annual shoreline clearing. He asked in the future to clearly define what we want (full clearing leaving no debris behind). It should read clear and dispose of materials. Possibly doing this bi-annual bid.

7. Community Pool Up-Date - Mike Savenelli

The meeting with the Mayor is scheduled for August 21st. Michael Fortuna, TLBA, will also be in attendance at the meeting to present the design.

8. Open Discussion:

Kenny stated that we will need to see each league's annual operating budget/financials before the Town's contributions are given to the league.

Park & Rec Report:

Nothing to report

Next Commission Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
8:00 a.m. Park and Recreation Department

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10 a.m. by Dave Gelo seconded by Jason Michael

Respectfully submitted,

Kenny Michaels
Wallingford Parks and Recreation