

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 9, 2022
8:00 a.m. at Parks and Recreation Department**

Commissioners in Attendance:

Dave Gelo, Jason Michael, Steve Rossacci and Mike Savenelli Sr.

Recreation Commission Members Absent: Don Crouch

Recreation Department Staff Present: Kenny Michaels, Director of Recreation Parks & Recreation

Special Guests:

Opening Remarks: Chairperson Jason Michael called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Dave Gelo to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting; seconded by Mike Savenelli.

Public Question/Answer Period:

Agenda Items:

1. **Additional FOI training:** Janis Small (Wallingford Corporation Council) conducted FOI training for the Commission
2. **Discuss cancellation of April meeting due to scheduling challenges and setting special meeting date to conduct regular April business:** A motion was made by Mike Savenelli to cancel April 13, 2022 meeting and reschedule it for April 20, 2022 as a Special Meeting; seconded by Steve Rossacci.
3. **Community Pool:** Mike Savenelli has a meeting with the Mayor on Friday, March 11 to discuss if the Community Pool project and if it qualifies for the ARPA funding.
4. **Devine Mercy International Widows and Orphans request to sell raffle tickets inside P&R building during hours of operation:** Kenny Michaels spoke to the Mayor and this request was denied.
5. **Wallingford Community Women memorial bench and mini library:** Kenny Michaels stated that he will let them know they can proceed with the purchase of the memorial bench and the mini library. The mini library can be stationed by the start of the pathway and the memorial bench can be facing the soccer fields.

6. Consideration for public swimming at Mark T. Sheehan High School:

Kenny Michaels spoke with the Athletic Director. The pool stays filled throughout the year. There is not a maintenance schedule for the pool. This is not in the Parks & Rec budget for this coming year.

7. Advertising signs in parks, revisit for update

No update at this time.

Open Discussion: (2/3 votes required to discuss item)

Director's Report: Kenny Michaels

The summer registrations started. The summer playground camps will be located at Moses Y, Stevens and Mary Fritz elementary schools. Registration will begin March 14. Summer Sizzlers registration started on March 7 with a maximum of 125 participants. More than 50% full in the first two days. The preschool camps are Tiny Bubbles and Pop Shots. Registration started February 28 and all three camps are full. Kenny will have a wrap up of winter programs at next meeting. Ski Bums program had the highest number of registrations in the last eight years. Pickle ball court at Harrison Park has three high bids over the budgeted amount, to resurface and repaint the court. Kenny will discuss this with the Mayor. All the field user meetings are done for spring/summer 2022. He is hopeful that the fields will be open the third week of March. The YMCA fee waiver request came in for their summer camp. The Parks and Rec budget presentation to the mayor is Friday, March 11.

Next Commission Meeting – Wednesday April 20, 2022 @ 8:00 AM –

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:30 a.m. motion by Don Gelo seconded by Steve Rossacci

Respectfully submitted,

Loriann Ouellette, Senior Clerk
Wallingford Parks and Recreation