

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting  
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
8:00 a.m. at Parks and Recreation Department**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Dave Gelo, Jason Michael, Mike Savenelli Sr.

**Recreation Commission Members Absent:** Steve Rossacci

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

**Special Guests:** none

**Opening Remarks:** Chairperson Jason Michael called the meeting to order @ 8:05 a.m.

**Minutes:**

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

**Public Question/Answer Period:**

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Community Pool, Outcome of meeting 4/12:**

Mike had a conversation with the Mayor regarding going to bid for the Community Pool.

**2. Don's Departure:**

The Mayor and Jason Michael received a letter from Don Crouch to resign from the Recreation Commission Committee. Currently there are no candidates for the position. The Commission will actively look for a replacement. Jason will contact Steve Rossacci to determine if he will continue on the Rec Commission Committee.

**3. Legacy Park Monuments:**

The monuments are done. Kenny wants to make sure Wallace is set to install the monuments. The tentative date to install the monuments is the Saturday, June 4. Jason feels that they should take a look at the other monuments in town to see which ones are not properly settling into the ground.

**4. Consideration for public swimming at Mark T Sheehan High School revisit for update:**

Use of Sheehan pool and hiring of lifeguards are not in the budget for the coming year. Kenny is exploring the options for town swim teams.

**5. Advertising signs in parks, revisit for update:**

No update

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

A motion was made by Mike Savenelli to have open discussion; seconded by Dave Gelo

Mike would like to step down from the Pool Committee. A special meeting will take place on April 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Pool Committee.

Jason would like to do a walk thru at the Community Garden, Kenny mentioned that he did a walk thru on Tuesday, April 19. Everything looked good. A shed is going to be installed using money raised. Looking into if Public Works can install it. Jason mentioned that at Westside field there is nothing but a field there. Nothing is getting replaced at parks when equipment is being removed.

A motion was made by Mike Savenelli to end open discussion; seconded by Jason

**Director's Report: Kenny Michaels**

(see copy attached)

**Next Commission Meeting – Wednesday May 11, 2022 @ 8:00 AM –**

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:32 a.m. motion by Mike Savenelli seconded by Dave Gelo

Respectfully submitted,

Loriann Ouellette, Senior Clerk  
Wallingford Parks and Recreation

**Director's Report**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**April 20, 2022**

1. Public Works has completed roofing projects over the last couple of months at the following parks:
  - Lufbury Restrooms
  - West Side Field Softball Restrooms
  - Community Lake Pavilion
2. Harrison Park Pickle Ball Project has been awarded to Hinding Tennis out of West Haven with work anticipated to begin on Friday April 22. Courts will be closed indefinitely. No time frame of completion has been determined yet.
3. Wallingford Adult Softball League Scheduled to begin Tuesday April 19. Total Number of teams for the 2022 season is 49
  - Men's: 40
  - Women's: 9
4. Bid Specifications were submitted end of March to purchasing for Surveillance Cameras for Doolittle Park. This will be a joint project with Parks and Recreation and WPD. Awaiting purchasing to put out to bid.
5. Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> Tyler Mill Users group meeting among the user groups within Tyler Mill. Topics of discussion current illegal bridges being built using trees, illegal trail blazing impeding upon residential property, potential trail ideas, safety concerns on the trail.
6. 2022 Winter Program Numbers
  - 90 Total Activities
  - 19 Canceled Activities
  - 71 Activities Ran
  - 78% running rate
7. Spring Programs began March 21<sup>st</sup>
8. 2022-2023 Budget completed.  
**Items submitted for budget:**
  - Continued replacement of picnic benches at town pavilions
  - Upgrade and replace park signs at Pat Wall, Harriet Wallace, Community Lake Parks
  - Reconstruction of the Community Lake Tennis Courts (2) Fencing and Basketball Court (Cap & Non)
  - Replacement of (2) Basketball Courts Doolittle

- (2) New Office Computer Work Stations
9. All Summer Camp Registration is underway. 3 playground locations are Moses Y, Stevens, Frit
  10. YMCA and Wallingford Cardinals Facility Fee Waiver Applications have been submitted and reviewed. Approval notices of the fee waiver going out this week.
  11. Awaiting quotes on fence repair for safety issues on at the (5) fields at Keller Field, Yalesville LL Complex.