

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING
MONDAY JULY 8, 2024
7:30 P.M.
COMMISSION ROOM
Meeting Minutes**

Official actions of the commission in these minutes are indicated by underlining.

The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held a monthly meeting on July 8, 2024, in person. Commissioners present: Elizabeth Pocsik, Doug Ries, Mark Crowley, Ed Bello, Michael Schramm and Larry Shore. Also present: Dave Ungar (Parks & Recreation Director), Lynn Stevens (Aquatic Director) and Joe Parciasepe (Program Director)
Public present, Illysa kelson, President Weston Swimming.

Call to order at 7:32 PM by Chairwoman Pocsik. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the monthly Commission meeting on June 10, 2024. Motion approved unanimously 6-0.

1) Public Forum

Illysa Kelson introduced herself as the newly appointed President of Weston Swimming. She looks forward to working with Parks & Recreation in that capacity and working with Lynn and Dave if any issues arise at the pool.

2) Unfinished Business.

a) Pickleball, The Bids were opened for the construction of the pickleball courts at Bisceglie Park. Hinding tennis was the winning bidder with a bid of \$249,000. Two other bids were received, Sport Tech came in at \$315,000 and Classic Turf at \$325,000. We are about three weeks away from construction starting.

3) Reports from standing committees.

a) Administrative Committee

i) With the resignation of Commission Vice Chairman Crowley and the upcoming resignation of Commissioner Bello, we will have two vacancies on the Commission to fill.

b) Aquatics Committee

i. Lynn Stevens stated the pool is functioning well with all systems operating as they should. The staff is good at both the pool and the pond for the summer. The pond opened on June 22nd and the attendance has been slow on the weekends, but the weekday use by camps has been good. The public has been utilizing the pond mostly during the week.

c) Fields Committee

i). Dave reported that the new maintenance contract for field maintenance started July 1st and as of now they are doing a very good job, The cleanup after the 4th of July was done quickly and very thoroughly.

d) Program Committee.

Joe Parciasepe reported on various Camp enrollment numbers. The enrollment is very good with the younger camps at capacity. The older camp field trips have been on going and we are looking forward to another successful camp season. We are happy to report that we have many returning counselors which will help the camps operate smoothly. A question was raised about extending the camps into August. We will have to study this as the schools schedule changes yearly pending snow days and preparations also need to be made to get the schools ready for the fall.

4) New Business

a) Fourth of July event sponsorship drive was successful with sponsorship totaling \$9,500.00 this year. The event drew another outstanding crowd, and the bands and fireworks were fantastic. We had one less food truck this year, but the wait times were not that bad. All seemed to enjoy the night. A financial recap will be provided as soon as we get all of our invoices in.

5) Correspondence,

Vice Charman Crowley will be leaving the Commission after tonight's meeting due to relocating to Fairfield. Chairwoman Pocsik presented him with a plaque thanking him for his almost 15 years of service on the Commission. We all wish Mark the very best and thank him for all the help he has provided.

6) Announcements, Commissioner Bello has announced that he will also be leaving the Commission. We Thank Ed for his help and advice over the years.

Next meeting will be Monday September 9th. Ther will be no August meeting.

7) Adjournment: Chairman Crowley motions to adjourn. Motion passes unanimously 6-0. 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Ungar

Director,

Weston Parks and Recreation Department