

**WESTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020**  
**7:45 P.M.**

**VIA DIAL IN AND ONLINE WEB MEETING**

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

The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday November 9, 2020 via dial in / online web meeting. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Ed Bello, Carl Bernstein, Kirby Brendsel, Mark Crowley, and Elizabeth Pocsik. Also present was: Dave Ungar (Director Parks & Recreation), Joe Parciasepe (Parks & Recreation Program Director), and Lynn Stevens (Parks & Recreation Aquatic Director). Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

- 1) Approval of Minutes: Tabled
- 2) Public Forum: None
- 3) Unfinished Business
  - a) Fall Program Recaps (Joe Parciasepe):
    - (a) Continuing to conduct activities outside, as weather has been condusive / moderate. Have been fortunate to date and only had to move one or two programs due to rain, and as the weather has changed, have planned accordingly and dressed for cooler weather.
    - (b) Evaluating what options might be available when it gets too cold, as still have not definitively identified if activities would be able to be conducted inside school facilities.
    - (c) We are currently on our third session of programs, and have added sessions to meet demand / need.
    - (d) “Sweet spot” programs, are those that work well in an outside environment as well as those that are adaptable:
      - (i) Cross Country for Middle School students, has 15 enrollees and takes place on Monday and Thursday.
      - (ii) Running Program at WIS.
      - (iii)Outdoor Tennis Program.
    - (e) Have received positive feedback from parents as they have been appreciative of programs resembling normalicy.
    - (f) Anticipating that we will loose the Basketball Program as it gets too cold, including those that would have been conducted in the School that will not be able to be carried out this Winter as it becomes too cold and if we are not allowed to go inside.

- (g) If there is a change in regards to the COVID safety policies with facilities, we are prepared to put together clinics and other similar types of programs.
- (h) May still try to do some programs outside, as able and desired, at least in an offering sense.
- (i) Skiing Program
  - (i) Evaluating issue of transportation from Weston on buses to the slopes, and the cost associated with this, as to meet regulations we would have to curtail the amount of passengers we could have on the buses (e.g., 21 passengers in a “Z” formation versus 50 seated side by side). It is believed that the cost of the program would increase markedly due to the spacing requirement.
  - (ii) Currently, it has been determined that it is not advisable to take Weston children out of town on a closed bus.
  - (iii) We are looking at other options, such as bulk ticket purchases, and allowing participants to get to the location on their own.
- b) Other Unfinished Business: None
- 4) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:
  - a) Administrative Committee (Mr. Crowley and Dave Ungar - Director Parks & Recreation):
    - (1) Winter facility use and programs
      - (a) There have been some cases of COVID exposure on the High School Soccer Teams, but these have been handled and quarantened accordingly.
      - (b) To date, programs have been fairly well governed; and overall, people have followed the required protocols to be permitted to play.
  - b) Aquatics Committee (Ms. Pocsik):
    - i) Aquatic Director pool usage for Fall and Weston Swimming update
      - (1) High School Swim Team meets will be conducted virtually (i.e., just filmed and compared).
      - (2) High School Swim has been using the locker room with scheduled usage and assigned areas for safety.
      - (3) Weston Swimming Team REC is in every day, including Saturday and Sunday, and has conducted an internal meet to continue to work on times.
      - (4) It will be necessary to consider additional options as it get colder, as we do not want anyone getting cold in their wet swim suits.
      - (5) It could be beneficial to document our approach and the positive lessons learned (including the adherence to protocols). Recommend Dave Ungar summarize incidents and anything that became of them.

- c) Fields Committee (Mr. Bernstein & Mr. Schramm)
    - (1) Have conducted “blow out” of irrigation, as well as Fall seeding and planting.
  - d) Programs Committee (Mr. Albert and Dave Ungar - Director Parks & Recreation)
    - i) Programs Supervisor Fall Programs Report
      - (a) Starting to put together budget for the next year.
  - e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein): None
- 5) New Business: None
- 6) Correspondence: None
- 7) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order:
- 8) Setting of continuation date if necessary and adjournment
- a) Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Crowley and seconded by Commissioner Bernstein. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby Brendsel,

Commissioner and Secretary, Weston Parks and Recreation Committee