

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
7:30 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 December 14, 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 7:35 p.m.

- 1) There was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Commission meetings on March 9, 2020, June 8, 2020, and September 14, 2020, as well as Special Meetings on April 19, 2020 and May 26, 2020 by Commissioner Bello that was seconded by Commissioner Pocsik. Motion was approved (contingent on correction of typo on line 33 of June 8, 2020 minutes and addition of last name Wirtenberg).
For: 6 / Against: 0.
- 2) Public Forum: None
- 3) Unfinished Business
 - a) Other Unfinished Business: None
- 4) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:
 - a) Administrative Committee (Mr. Crowley and Dave Ungar - Director Parks & Recreation):
 - i) 2021 – 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Discussion / Approval
 - (1) Budget has remained fairly flat in comparison to figures from last year, predominantly due to non-addition of any new initiatives.
 - (2) Watching opportunity that may exist to use left over funds from 2020 towards 2021-2022 budget. E.g., remaining line items in the Pool Budget, lifeguard salaries that were not needed due to non-use associated with COVID.
 - (3) Dave Ungar (Director Parks & Recreation) is following up with Jonathan Luiz (Weston Town Administrator) in January on this possibility.
 - (4) Budget submission is impending, predominantly consistent / same as previous years (not even up a percent on most line items), with some small changes.

- (a) For contract services, some differences in outdoor aspects and cleaning companies.
- (b) Salaries at this point remain the same, due to current union negotiations, which still need to be completed with the Town of Weston and will be applied retroactively.
- (c) Some Capital Items are still being watched closely, such as the third installment towards Track Replacement in the Capital Replacement category, as well as pool gutter fixes.
- (5) Commissioner Albert made a motion to approve Budget Category # 910 – Administration Account, that was seconded by Commissioner Pocsik. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.
- (6) Commissioner Albert made a motion to approve the Budget Category # 912 – Grounds Account, that was seconded by Commissioner Bello. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.
- (7) Commissioner Albert made a motion to approve the Budget Category # 913 - Pool Account, that was seconded by Commissioner Bello. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.
- (8) Commissioner Albert made a motion to approve the Capital Budget as presented by WPRC, that was seconded by Commissioner Pocsik. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.
- b) Aquatics Committee (Ms. Pocsik):
 - i) Pool usage for Fall and projected for Winter report by Lynn Stevens (Parks & Recreation Aquatic Director).
 - ii) Currently the pool is not being utilized as it and accompanying facilities have been closed by the Weston School Board Superintendent.
 - iii) There is a possibility that the pool may be permitted to re-open on February 11, 2021, but will not be informed on any potential status until closer to that date.
 - iv) To date, pool users have been good partners in facing COVID, but as WPRC runs the pool and not the building, the pool's closure status is dictated by the Weston School Board Superintendent.
- c) Fields Committee (Mr. Bernstein & Mr. Schramm): None
- d) Programs Committee (Mr. Albert and Joe Parciasepe (Parks & Recreation Program Director))
 - i) Program Supervisor Fall programming closed, and Winter programs are on hold as of now.
 - (1) Provided in person outside-socially-distant programming up until school was moved to Remote Only status.
 - (2) Winter programs on hold due to guidance and restrictions issued by the Weston School Board Superintendent.

(3) Will look at potentials for outside programs with possibly smaller groups later in the new year, as currently it is not likely we will be able to use indoor facilities due to COVID restrictions.

ii) A report has been created on what we had executed and results from Summer and Fall programs (e.g., what we were able to do from a safety perspective). Full report to be presented during next WPRC meeting.

e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein): None

5) New Business: None

6) Correspondence: None

7) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order: None

8) Setting of continuation date if necessary and adjournment

a) Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Albert and seconded by Commissioner Bello. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby Brendsel,

Commissioner and Secretary, Weston Parks and Recreation Committee