**Weston Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Monday, August 9, 2021**

**7:30 P.M.**

**town hall commission room**

*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 August 9, 2021 in person in the Weston Town Hall Commission Room and via dial in / online web meeting. Commissioners present: Ed Bello, Carl Bernstein, Kirby Brendsel, Mark Crowley, Elizabeth Pocsik, and Mike Schramm. Also present was: Joe Parciasepe (Parks & Recreation Program Director) and Lynn Stevens (Parks & Recreation Aquatic Director). Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Commission meeting on July 12, 2021 by Commissioner Bernstain that was seconded by Commissioner Pocsik. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.
2. Public Forum: None
3. Unfinished Business
   * 1. Dog Park Update
        1. Continuing to move forward, pending additional information and guidance from Board of Selectmen (BOS) and other parties.
        2. At present the Tree Warden has been assessing clean up prior to any opening, and anything removed will be replaced with native plants and trees.
        3. Current planning details include:
           1. Hours will be from sunup to sundown
           2. Dog park will not be seasonal, with no gate, and consist of a gravel driveway that will not be plowed
           3. Still assessing potential needs for additional garbage recepticals and planning and coordination for waste pick up
     2. Other unfinished business: None
4. Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:
   1. Administrative Committee (Mr. Crowley and Dave Ungar - Director Parks & Recreation): None
   2. Aquatics Committee (Ms. Pocsik)
      1. Aquatic Director Report on Pond and Summer Pool Programming
         1. Pool
            1. Pool has just closed.
            2. Half of the water has been removed and it is being refilled with fresh water.
            3. Awaiting update from Board of Education and School Superintendent around Swim Team and recreational use. School Superintendent is still waiting to discuss with Medical Director.
         2. Pond
            1. Has had good attendance with families and multiple camps.
            2. There has been discussion around the pond having multiple trees that need to be removed. There is currently a need for assessment and prioritization of potentials for removal. Joe Parciasepe (Parks & Recreation Program Director) to follow up with Jonathan Luiz (Town Administrator) about this issue.
   3. Fields Committee (Mr. Bernstein & Mr. Schramm): None
   4. Programs Committee (Mr. Albert and Joe Parciasepe (Parks & Recreation Program Director))
      1. Program Supervisor Programming Report – Camp Programs
         1. Summer
            1. Numbers grew to 304 kids in Camp this Summer, which is closer to pre-COVID figures / normal.
            2. Some areas even saw increases, such as Soaring Eagles which had 31 enrolled, which is more than normal.
            3. There are a great many sports camps running in the next few weeks to prep before High School starts, including field hockey camp with 12-13 subscribers
         2. Fall
            1. Still awaiting answers from the school on utilization of facilities.
            2. Working to follow up with School Superintendent and the Medical Director to ensure options for moving forward with Fall programming.
            3. Current plan is to ensure safety with at least outdoors programming, and check to see what will be allowed indoors. As well as allowing for possibility of increasing Fall outside programming allowance for registration numbers for allowed subscriptions as well.
   5. Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein):
      1. All of the maintenance projects undertaken at the parks and fields are at the expected completion level.
      2. Irrigation is being watched and seems to be working at acceptable levels, but one field area has two zones working at once which needs to be watched.
5. New Business: None
6. Correspondence: None
7. Announcements, remarks for the good of the order:
   1. Dave Ungar (Director Parks & Recreation) is recovering well.
   2. Commissioner Brendsel announced he will be stepping down from the Weston Parks and Recreation Committee after the September 2021 meeting due to Town of Weston Selectman Candidacy.
8. Setting of continuation date if necessary and adjournment
   1. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Crowley and and seconded by Commissioner Pocsik. Motion was approved. For: 6 / Against: 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby Brendsel,

Commissioner and Secretary, Weston Parks and Recreation Committee