

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019
7:45 P.M.

WESTON TOWN HALL
DAUGHERTY 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 February 11, 2019 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Ed Bello, Carl Bernstein, Kirby Brendsel, Mark Crowley, and Elizabeth Pocsik. Also, present were: Joe Parciasepe (Parks & Recreation) and Lynn Stevens (Parks & Recreation). Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

- 1) There was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Commission meeting on January 14, 2019 by Commissioner Albert that was seconded by Commissioner Bello. Motion was approved. For: 5 / Against: 0 (Commissioner Bernstein abstaining).
- 2) Public Forum:
 - a) Bisceglie Pond
 - i) First Selectman Chris Spaulding had raised possibility of an annual fee for use of Bisceglie Pond for summer 2019, during previous town meeting.
 - ii) Due to timing on when this was raised, Commission decided to discuss further in a future meeting.
- 3) Unfinished Business
 - a) Review of action items due from January 14, 2019 monthly scheduled meeting: None
 - 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) Update that Selectman's budget hearing was occurring evening of February 11, 2019.
 - b) Aquatics Committee (Ms. Pocsik):
 - i) Aquatics Report from Lynn Stevens
 - (1) Update on issues with the Dectron pool ventilation system – problems maintaining a pool temperature that is not too hot or cold.

- (a) WPRC does not control or have responsibility for the ventilation system.
 - (b) There is an outstanding ask for the Board of Education to have a consultant to come and do an evaluation. Have also asked School Facilities representatives to look at it, but requires an intense review involving additional assistance from plumber, electrician, and building maintenance representation.
 - (c) Commission to follow-up / raise issue with the Board of Education, and respond back to WPRC with update and needs for any additional escalation.
- (2) Pool utilization is good. Just completed School swim Physical Education classes, but are getting more kids coming in from other areas (e.g., Special Education).
- c) Fields Committee (Mr. Bernstein & Mr. Schramm): None
 - d) Programs Committee (Mr. Albert and Dave Ungar - Director Parks & Recreation)
 - i) Review of Program Supervisor Report from Joe Parciasepe
 - (1) 479 children participating in the winter programs
 - (2) Completing Winter 1 Session and moving into Winter 2
 - (3) Skiing just ended previous week. There were 83 skiers with two supporting buses, and the skiing was “great.”
 - (4) Saturday Basketball at Weston Intermediate School
 - (a) 118 children registered at the K – 5 grade levels
 - (b) Small drop in registration amongst the 7 – 8 grade levels
 - (c) Overall High School Basketball League did well with participation by 75 youths.
 - (d) Numbers for girls participation with basketball have been trending upwards
 - (5) Little K / Preschool Program enrollment has been excellent, and there is currently a waiting list.
 - (6) Hurlbutt Elementary Powerful Play program sold out in four days, and currently has 30 children enrolled.
 - (7) Middle School programs have seen some variability in terms of success and viability.
 - (8) Floor Hockey and Indoor Soccer figures are low at present, but expect figures for the Spring to trend upwards.
 - (9) Field Hockey – are supportive of it as an option (including already having used equipment to leverage), and parents are asking about it – “would like for kids to get a feel for a sport they don’t necessarily play in Weston at a

younger age.” Joe Parciasepe to follow up with Commissioner Schramm on potential next steps.

- (10) Camp registration will open in early March 2019.
 - (a) Anticipated to follow a similar approach to registration as last year.
 - (b) Reviewing capital improvement projects schedule to work around for Camp schedule.
 - (c) Anticipated that Camps will run for five weeks from June to July.
 - (d) There may also be a small Adventure Camp to augment / bridge the gap if school gets out earlier in the Summer (i.e., lack of snow days pushing the school release schedule back).

e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein): None

5) New Business

a) Speak Up 2019

- i) Did not hear of any Parks and Recreation aligned questions that came through.

6) Correspondence: None

7) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order:

- a) Commissioner Bernstein Mock Trial Teams have won the last four trials, and are now headed to Quarter Finals.

8) Setting of continuation date if necessary and adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby Brendsel, Secretary