

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 9, 2019 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Ed Bello, Carl Bernstein, Kirby Brendsel, and Elizabeth Pocsik. Also present was: Dave Ungar (Director Parks & Recreation). Vice-Chairperson Pocsik called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

- 1) There was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Commission meeting on July 8, 2019 by Commissioner Albert that was seconded by Commissioner Bernstein. Motion was approved. For: 5 / Against: 0.
- 2) Public Forum: None
- 3) Unfinished Business
 - a) Review of action items due from July 8, 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): None
 - b) Aquatics Committee (Ms. Pocsik):
 - i) Bisceglie Pond and Weston Indoor Pool Summer Programs
 - (1) Bisceglie Pond
 - (a) Attendance was down approximately 30% from Summer 2018's figures.
 - (b) ~700 passes were distributed in Summer 2019 (including multiple per family).
 - (c) The first three 2019 Summer Tuesday Night special events were rained out.
 - (d) Daily attendance was light.
 - (2) Weston Indoor Pool
 - (a) Pool has undergone several marked improvements over the last year, including: updates in the filter room (e.g., filter replacements), new

chemical control system, and new pool vacuume. At this point, systems are running well, with no additional equipment plans on the horizon.

(b) Temperature within the pool area has hovered around 82.6 degrees Fahrenheit, and is continuing to be monitored.

c) Fields Committee (Mr. Bernstein & Mr. Schramm):

i) Sod program for Morehouse

(1) Morehouse Soccer Fields, specifically middle of the fields, goals, and other areas with sparse grass, had new sod applied. Current general feeling is that the sod took pretty well.

(2) There was an irrigation split issue the first week of September 2019, that needed to be addressed.

ii) BSP #3 infield clay change

(1) Working to get new infield materials with BSP #3 to match BSP #1 (e.g., new infield materials that allow for better drainage). Little League is paying for this initiative.

d) Programs Committee (Mr. Albert and Dave Ungar - Director Parks & Recreation)

i) Review of Program Supervisor Report – Summer Wrap Up (see additional attachment).

(1) Feedback (word of mouth and other) was that the camps went great, and it was a successful summer program.

ii) 4th of July program Recap.

(1) Was seen as an excellent event with a high turnout, “good crowd” with no incidents, new events, and the event was fairly close in terms of overall funds and figures as previous years. Reviews to date have been positive.

iii) Fall Programs

(1) Tennis is sold out in terms of enrollment.

(2) Sports and fitness is experiencing a slow start.

(3) The Middle School E-Sport team currently has around 12 registrants.

(4) A few new programs have been added, including an Introduction to Activities and Sports Toddler Program at Bisgelie (with ages ranging from 3 – 4 and 5 – 6).

iv) Explore Valley Forge event

(1) Turnout of around 50 individuals. Well supported by Weston Fire Department and other volunteers. Weather was good and was commented on as a fun event.

e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein): None

- 5) New Business:
- a) Discussion of potential impact to P&R from Town Center Master Plan of Development
 - i) WPRC Chairman Mark Crowley will be attending the Master Plan meeting.
 - ii) There are a few elements which could impact WPRC:
 - (1) Removal of Weston Parks current facilities and move to another location (ostensibly to allow for new commercial facilities). Of impact in this decision is that the current location has parking and maintenance facilities.
 - (2) If a decision is made to carve out the Onion Barn Field for a field sculpture or green open space as a gateway to Weston, consideration and planning will have to be made for field alternatives.
- 6) Correspondence: None
- 7) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order:
- a) Commissioner Albert raised attention to the Weston Sports Person of the year. The Sports Commission has elected Coach Fanning from the Weston High School Ski Team as the Weston Sports person of the Year 2019. The presentation banquet is on Oct 21, 2019, and Commissioner Albert will be attending and provide an update afterwards.
- 8) Setting of continuation date if necessary and adjournment
- a) Next WPRC meeting has been scheduled on Monday, October 7 to allow for Columbus Day Holiday.
 - b) Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Albert and seconded by Commissioner Brendsel. Motion was approved. For: 5 / Against: 0.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirby Brendsel,

Commissioner and Secretary, Weston Parks and Recreation Committee