

**MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – December 21, 2020**

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020, by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Commission Members Present on Zoom Meeting: John Langmaid, Yola Rondinelli, Jessica Wallace, Corey Turner and Ellen Saunig

Commission Members Absent: Mario DiLoreto

Others Present on Zoom Meeting: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Correspondence:

Correspondence was received and discussed.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting were approved unanimously with one change being requested under New Business-Status Update on Programs Due to COVID-19. Chairman Langmaid stated the minutes should have read “the Superintendent of Schools should not be barring the use of the schools. If the Health Department has been allowing Town Facilities to be used for programs, then the procedures should be the same for use of the schools”.

3. Committee Reports:

There were no Committee Reports.

4. Director’s Report:

- Minnechaug Golf Course: Minnechaug rounds for the season totaled 27,257 rounds.
- Ice Skating Report: The Riverfront Park skating rink has been filled and is holding water. The repairs seem to be working. Once the proper thickness of ice is achieved at Riverfront Park, J.B. Williams Park, and Eastbury Pond, notifications will go out that it is safe to skate.
- Recreation Software Update: Parks and Recreation staff are planning to go live with a new software program, MyRec, on March 1, 2021, and may try a “soft” spring program registration to test it. Staff will be sending out notifications to the community asking them to register their households in advance of the spring registration. At the next Recreation Commission meeting there will be a short presentation of the new software program.

5. New Business:

- There was no New Business.

6. Old Business:

- Status Update on Programs due to Covid-19:

Decorating Contest: Thank you to Jessica Wallace for being a judge, and a special thank you to Town Councilor, Chip Beckett, and Town Councilor, Jake McChesney, for being judges as well. The “Decorating Contest” included four categories: the “Holiday Driving Tour” category (which had 34 entries); a “Decorating Contest” category; a “Fan Favorite” category (645 people voted for their favorite); and a “Scavenger Hunt” category. The Department is planning to make this an annual event and are excited to see the program grow.

Holiday Letters: Eighty letters were received and answered.

Programs: Glastonbury Basketball Association games and all aquatics have been suspended until further notice. The Santa’s Race has been postponed until May 23, 2021.

- Upcoming Special Events/Programs:

Staff is starting an initiative to encourage the community to use and enjoy our town parks. Plans are underway to create a program which may involve a treasure hunt. Staff will be reaching out to local artists to see if there is interest in them willing to hide small art objects at various locations.

Field and Facility Use Policies are being revised. Our staff is creating a handbook and will be much more user friendly.

Staff are planning outdoor volleyball and basketball programs for the spring.

- Budget FY21-22:

Budget preparation continues. The CIP meeting is scheduled for January 2021.

- Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule-2021:

The 2021 Meeting Schedule was approved at the November 16, 2020 meeting.

7. Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:

Jessica Wallace asked if there will be another Virtual Bingo. Lisa Zerio said she would confirm with Anna Park whether there is one planned in the near future.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Zerio
Director of Parks & Recreation