

**MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – February 22, 2021**

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021, via Zoom.

Commission Members Present: John Langmaid, Mario DiLoreto, Yola Rondinelli, Jessica Wallace and Corey Turner

Commission Members Absent: Ellen Saunig

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation

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

1. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the January 19, 2021 Special Meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports:

There were no Committee Reports.

4. Director's Report:

- Minnechaug Golf Course Restaurant Update: Lisa Zerio told the Commission that the restaurant lease has been signed and plans to open this spring.
- MyRec Registration Update: Lisa Zerio stated that February 17, 2021 was the first day of spring registration. 350 registrations were taken on the first day and to date there are 800 households in the system.
- Splash Pad Update: Lisa Zerio stated the Department of Public Health is currently reviewing the plans and specifications. Staff and consultants are putting the bid package together and the Request for Proposals may go out the week of March 8, 2021.

5. Old Business

- Status Update on Programs Due to Covid-19: Updated State Sector Rules were released last week. Staff continues to plan spring and summer programs following the current guidelines and will continue to monitor and make any changes necessary to provide programs safely for the community. Lisa Zerio gave an overview of guidelines as they relate to pools, concerts, weddings, and programs.
- Upcoming Special Events/Programs: Staff has been working diligently to continue to be creative in providing programs during the pandemic.
 - **Valentine Cookie Kits** were successful with 85 kits sold. Planning a St. Patrick Day Cupcake Kit Program.
 - **Virtual Bingo** was on February 13, 2021 with 328 participants.

- Lisa Zerio reviewed the **“Passport to Parks”** Program. The program will feature a downloadable passport with maps listing locations of parks and facilities throughout town. Stamps will be located in boxes at each location. All completed passports will receive a prize. The program will be kicked off March 1, 2021.
- **“Pop Up Parks”** is now in the Spring brochure. Lisa Zerio reviewed the dates and themes for each.
- **“Lawn Sign Program”** reservations continue to come in and staff has received great feedback.
- **Egg-cellent Story Stroll** is set for March 24, 2021.
- **Fishing Derby** will take place on April 17, 2021 at Eastbury Pond. Two time slots are being offered to be able to accommodate more participants.
- **Tennis Lessons** have filled. Plans to hire another instructor are in progress.
- **Santa’s Run** is scheduled for May 23, 2021.
- **Lifeguard Training** will be held during April vacation.
- **Outdoor Volleyball** will be held at both J.B. Williams Park and High Street Park.
- **Walk This May** is a challenge to walk 31 miles in 31 days.
- **Summer Registration** is scheduled to begin March 23, 2021
- Budget FY 2020-2021: Tuesday, February 23rd, is the budget session with the Town Council. Final budget hearing/action is scheduled for mid-March.

6. New Business:

There was no New Business.

7. Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:

Jessica Wallace asked if there was going to be an Egg Hunt for children. Lisa Zerio advised that last year, four to five groups reserved the Riverfront Park and Hubbard Green to hold an egg hunts for the community. All events ended up being cancelled due to Covid. Lisa Zerio stated she would check to see if any groups are planning to do any this year.

Pool update: Depending on the guidelines and pool capacities that patrons would not have to register in advance to utilize the pools. Corey Turner asked if the daycare facilities that usually rent space would be allowed to this year. Lisa Zerio advised that the hope is to be able to provide swim lessons, camp swim, recreational swim opportunities, swim team practice and also allow daycare facilities as well. The commission were all in agreement that swim lessons are a priority, as no lessons were offered last year.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zerio
Director of Parks & Recreation