

**MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – April 19, 2021**

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021, via Zoom.

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

Commission Members Absent: Mario DiLoreto

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 February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports:

Great Pond Preserve Stewardship Committee: Jessica Wallace informed the Commission that she can no longer be on the Great Pond Preserve Stewardship Committee due to her work schedule. Corey Turner expressed interest in being on the Committee.

4. Director's Report:

- Splash Pad Update: Lisa Zerio told the Commission the pre-bid meeting was held on April 6, 2021. The bid opening is scheduled for April 20, 2021.
- Minnechaug Golf Course/Restaurant Update: Lisa Zerio stated that there were 888 rounds for the month of March. The restaurant is estimating an early May opening.
- Docks: Lisa Zerio stated that the dock are scheduled to be installed on April 20, 2021.

5. Old Business

- Status Update on Programs Due to Covid-19: Lisa Zerio stated that the staff continues to plan spring and summer programs following the current guidelines. Corey Turner asked how the newest guidelines that were just released would impact the programs. Lisa Zerio stated that even with guidelines becoming recommendations in some areas, the Town will continue to follow Best Practices and go through the Health Department for guidance to ensure we are providing programs that are safe for participants and employees.
- Upcoming Special Events/Programs:
 - Lifeguard training had twenty participants in the program. Twenty participants was very successful as compared to surrounding towns.
 - Eighteen lifeguard positions have been offered to date.
 - Addison, Grange, Eastbury and the High School pool are scheduled to be open following DPH guidelines.
 - Swim lessons and adult swim will be offered.

- An overview of the summer swim team practice program was given.
- Tennis lessons are filled with a waiting list. Staff is in the process of hiring another instructor.
- L.L.Bean will be offering an Archery Program in addition to their Kayaking Program.
- With attendance for summer concerts only at 500 people, it will not be beneficial to have the concerts when cost vs benefits are factored. Discussions about possibly having a Fall concert are on-going.
- Outdoor Adult Basketball and Volleyball have commenced with very favorable interest.
- Softball League – the Men’s A and Women’s League were cancelled due to lack of teams. Men’s B and Co-ed have seven teams each. Chairman Langmaid brought forth an idea for next year; he suggested having those that are interest in playing register and teams can be coordinated on the spot. That may draw interest for those not wanting a competitive program.
- The Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, April 17th and was very successful.
- An overview was presented of Summer Camp registrations to date – many sessions are full.
- Celebrate the Day Program – the Town delivers lawn signs to celebrate someone’s special day and has been very popular.
- Pop Up Parks is scheduled to kick off for the month of May.
- Passport to Parks – the first completed passport was turned in and they received their free t-shirt.
- Budget FY 2021-2022: The budget was adopted. Highlights included in the Capital Improvement Program funding are Pickleball Courts, tree management, and improvements to Addison Park.

6. New Business:

Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges – Approved Unanimously.

7. Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:

Jessica Wallace asked for an update on the possibility of Hartwell Soccer having an opportunity to play under the lights. Lisa Zerio mentioned that the logistics of playing at Academy does have hurdles as to the lining of the fields, moving of the goals, and technically adding another field to maintain for the Parks Department. Lisa will look into whether, in the future, Youth Soccer could potentially play a couple of games under the lights at the high school to give the younger teams that experience.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Lisa Zerio
 Director of Parks & Recreation