

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

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021, via Zoom.

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

Commission Members Absent: Mario DiLoreto and Yola Rondinelli

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 April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

**3. Committee Reports:**

Great Pond Preserve Stewardship Committee: Lisa Zerio will check on the status of Jessica Wallace's resignation from the Great Pond Preserve Stewardship Committee due to her work schedule. Corey Turner is still interested in being on the committee.

**4. Director's Report:**

- Minnechaug Golf Course/Restaurant Update: Lisa Zerio stated that through June 21st of this year 9,283 rounds of golf have been played. This number is 900 down from last year at this time, but up 5,860 rounds over 2019. This is attributed to the wet spring we have had, including Memorial Day weekend. The restaurant, The Tenth Hole Tavern, is doing well and getting busier. The Lessee's have been giving out restaurant coupons to golfers. John Langmaid commented that he has gotten feedback that the course is in great shape and customers are also happy with the restaurant.
- Park Maintainer 1: Lisa Zerio advised that Eric Heinrich, after nine years of service, is retiring to pursue his long term goal of working in full-time ministry. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his new career. The position has been posted and interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021.
- Program Coordinator: Lisa Zerio stated that the vacant Program Coordinator position has been posted and the Town has received numerous applications to date.

**5. Old Business**

- Upcoming Special Events/Programs:

Lisa Zerio gave a summary of all programs that are currently underway. Camp Discovery, Playground Camps, Music and Arts Camp, Kiddie Kamp, Music and Arts Extended Day Camp, etc. The pools have opened and are off to a good start. Lisa Zerio provided the attendance records for last week. Swim team has started as well. Lisa Zerio advised that the Chamber of Commerce is moving forward with the Apple Harvest Festival, scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Plans are also underway to have a Fall Concert in early September. Passport to Health, a health fair, is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Town Wide Tag sale is set for September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Farmer's Market started their weekly markets on June 19<sup>th</sup> and will be holding them at the Hubbard Green through the month of September.

## 6. New Business:

- Splash Pad Update:

Lisa Zerio stated that the splash pad is expected to be awarded in the near future. Lisa reviewed the timeline for the project. Corey Turner updated the Commission that Jeff Bodeau from Bodeau Realty hosted a fundraiser for the Rotary Club to raise funds for their portion of the project. The event was held Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Addison Park and featured Blue Chip Creamery and Skyscrapers Sandwiches Food Trucks which were donating 10% of their profits.

- Pickleball Update:

Lisa Zerio stated the project is moving forward and she advised the Commission that there are stakes located on the grounds at the Riverfront Community Center if they wanted to see the proposed location. Lisa Zerio and Dan Pennington, Town Engineer, will be attending the Conservation Commission meeting on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Tentative schedule to construct the courts commencing after July 1, 2021.

- Park Ranger Update:

Lisa Zerio stated that the recruitment process is continuing and new staff recently hired have been going through training. Coverage primarily has been at the Riverfront and Cotton Hollow. The goal, when fully staffed, is to be able to have coverage not only at those two locations but also at J.B. Williams, Addison Park, Welles Park, and other areas of town when the need arises.

## 7. Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:

- Discussion was held on the potential of Hartwell Soccer being able to play under the lights. Lisa Zerio advised that she will reach out to the organization to see what can be done in the fall.
- John Langmaid discussed the field conditions after a recent soccer tournament during inclement weather. Lisa advised that she will be meeting with staff regarding having a staff person work and make decisions on closing the field(s) if needed due to field conditions.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zerio  
Director of Parks & Recreation