

MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – December 20, 2021

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021, via Zoom.

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

Commission Members Absent: Mario DiLoretto

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation

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

1. Correspondence:

Lisa received correspondence in regards to the appointments/re-appointments for Luther Weeks, John Langmaid, and Jessica Wallace.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the 11/15/2021 regular meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports:

No Report

4. Directors Report:

Program Updates-

- The first day of Winter/Spring registration brought in 1401 registrations.
- Aquatics programs are going well. Staffing is still a challenge, but are hoping to add more recreational swim slots on Saturdays starting mid-January. The Swim Team has had a few meets, and the number of spectators has been reduced from two people per swimmer down to one person.
- GBA is in full swing for both travel and recreation leagues.
- The first session of Wacky Wednesdays was successful. There were 8 classes offered at 5 different schools with a total of 118 registered participants.
- The Holiday House Decoration Contest, Pet Photo Contest, and the Holiday Letter Program are now underway.
- The Kids Night Out program was a big hit, and families have requested that the program continue.

Board of Education Recognition- On December 13, the BOE recognized the department for its collaboration in running the Wacky Wednesday programs.

5. Old Business:

Budget FY 22-23- Lisa advised that the budget process has started and includes the Capital Improvement Program. She will share the proposed budget documents when they are complete.

6. New Business:

Commission Chairman/Vice Chairman Elections- John Langmaid wanted to let everyone know That the elections will be held in January once members have been appointed/re-appointed.

Meeting Rules- John Langmaid requested meeting rules be added to the agenda. John informed the Commission that Town Council has "Rules of Procedures," and since the Recreation Commission meetings are open for public attendance and recorded, and that the Commission weighs in on certain items, there should be rules of procedures as well. Lisa advised that Town Council is required to take legislative actions that could be appealable. The Commission follows Roberts Rules of Order, and there is no requirement to have public comment. There have been no issues to date, and the public has been able to attend/view, and it has worked out favorably. The consensus of the Commission is to form a subcommittee to draft a set of rules for discussion. John Langmaid made a motion for Ellen Saunig to chair the subcommittee. Luther Weeks and Corey Turner will also be part of the subcommittee. Motion passed, all in favor.

Splashpad Update- Work commenced on September 8, 2021. The trenching for all utility connections is complete. The control cabinet and holding tank have been installed. The gravel base has also been installed. Due to the cold temperatures, the concrete decking will be installed in the spring. The project is on schedule.

Hartwell Soccer GHS Request-Synthetic Field/Lights- Hartwell Soccer is interested in Spring and Fall use of the GHS synthetic turf field. Lisa went over the reservation process and Hartwell will receive an email from Anna Park in January asking them to submit their reservation requests. A priority list is followed with deadlines given. John Langmaid suggested looking at another park that would be ideal to add lights to. One suggestion was the fields at Riverfront Park.

Center Green Maintenance- John Langmaid inquired as to why the town does not maintain the walkways at Center Green during the winter months. Lisa advised that it is due to liability and not being able to ensure the areas are safe after a weather event. The town has many hand routes such as the Town Hall, Police Department, Library, and Riverfront Community Center. Daily attention to thawing and re-freezing is a challenge. There are other areas where signage is posted such as the Riverfront Trails, House Street Trails, and the Trails at Addison Bog. Corey Turner brought up that winter maintenance will encourage the goal of being walker-friendly, especially in the proposed village district.

Skating- Lisa reported that the skating basin at Riverfront Park will be filled on December 21. Signage will also be installed advising the danger of throwing items onto the surface. The ice skating conditions line will be updated regularly and include a date.

American Rescue Plan Act- John Langmaid gave an overview of the suggested items in the Town Council packet introduced at a public information meeting. John requested that Lisa give a brief report of the ideas discussed at the next meeting. Luther commented that having gardens in the north end of town be considered.

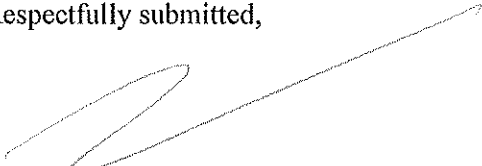
7. Other Business:

Lisa advised that the 2021 approved meeting dates have January 17, 2022, on the schedule. Since Town offices are closed that day, she suggested the Commission cancel the January 17th meeting, and schedule a Special Meeting for Tuesday, January 18th. Luther made a motion, seconded by Jessica Wallace, all in favor.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Zerio', written over a thin horizontal line.

Lisa Zerio

Director of Parks & Recreation