

MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – May 22, 2023

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, in person.

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

Commission Members Absent: Mario DiLoreto, Jessica Wallace

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation, Geordie Emmanuel, Recreation Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

1. Correspondence:

None

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Committee Reports:

- None

3. Directors Report:

• Program Updates:

- The Parks and Recreation Glastonbury Gymnastics Club hosted the 2023 Northeast Regional Gymnastics Championship at the Glastonbury High School on 5/20/23 and 5/21/23. Over 800 Gymnasts competed in the event with teams from all over the region. Many staff, volunteers, and a great deal of coordination were required for this event.
- Camp Kickoff is set to take place on June 14th at Riverfront Park Fairgrounds. The night will give families an opportunity to meet leadership staff from all of our camps. Activities will include games, crafts, inflatables, music, and an ice cream truck.
- Riverfront music series begins next month with the Town Band kicking it off on Wednesday, June 21.
- The Youth Fishing Derby took place on Saturday, April 22 with very high participation. Over 60 kids were in attendance.
- Camp Sunrise was awarded a 2023-24 CSDE Summer Enrichment Expansion Grant. The award amount was \$37,496 for Summer 2023 and \$37,496 for Summer 2024. The grant allowed us to accommodate children off of the waiting list and will also fund additional staffing, various enrichment activities, and supplies for the next two years.
- With the addition of another staff member we were able to accommodate 5 people for each session off of the waiting list for Awesome Adventures Camp.
- The last day of Teen Center after school hours will be Friday, June 2.

- Music and Arts Camp currently has 192 participants enrolled for this summer, about 30 more than last summer. Teen Scene is maxed out at 55 participants.
- The Indoor Pickleball Program is set to end on May 25, with very high enrollment. The next session begins in June and will run through July.
- Currently there are 887 campers registered for contractual camps throughout the summer, with 300 on the waiting list for the various programs.
- The outdoor pickleball courts are under construction, and substantial completion is expected by July.
- **Grant Opportunity-** The Town Manager was made aware of a grant opportunity in the amount of \$325,000 from the State. It was discussed at the May 9th Town Council meeting. Town Council members voted unanimously to submit the Addison Park renovation project for the grant.

4. Old Business:

- **Skate park-** Lisa advised that through the Town Manager's permission, she is working with the Town's insurance agent to look at best practices and recommendations to change the skate park from a supervised park to a skate at-your-own-risk model. It is estimated to have new procedures in place by summer.
- **YMCA Facility Exploration-** The Town Manager is taking a tour of the Putnam Facility in June along with a couple of Town Council members.
- **Future Projects for Consideration-** Lisa discussed the overall plan of renovations needed for Addison, and will share with the Commission recommended order of priorities.

5. New Business:

- **Proposed Fees and Charges-** Geordie Emmanuel and Lisa provided an explanation of the Proposed Fees and Charges. The Commission provided input and recommendations, which were incorporated. Motion by Corey Turner, seconded by Luther Weeks to accept the proposed fees and charges as amended. Passed unanimously.

6. Any other business to come before the Commission:

- A discussion was had on whether the Recreation Commission should have jurisdiction over the Riverfront Park Budget. This is a topic that should be discussed in the future with the Town Manager.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting- Monday, June 19, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zerio
Director of Parks & Recreation