

MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – June 19, 2023

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023, in person.

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

Commission Members Absent: John Langmaid, Mario DiLoreto,

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

1. Correspondence:

None

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 22, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Committee Reports:

- None

3. Directors Report:

- **Program Updates:**
 - **Pickleball Court Updated-** Lisa provided an update on the outdoor pickleball construction. The courts are estimated to be at a substantial completion by mid-July. The outdoor lessons at Addison are going strong and are almost at full capacity. The summer session for the indoor program begins June 22.

4. Old Business:

- **Skate park-** Lisa shared the drafted rules that were reviewed by the Town's insurance company. Once the signage is complete, the park will be open 7 days a week, weather dependent. The courts will be unlocked every morning, and locked at dusk. The plan is to open in July as an unsupervised facility.
- **YMCA Facility Exploration-** No updates at this time.
- **Future Projects for Consideration-** No updates at this time.
- **Proposed Fees and Charges-** Lisa thanked the Commission for all input received at the last meeting in which the spreadsheets were updated, and Chairman Langmaid signed off on. The Town Council will be reviewing/approving at the June 27th Town Council meeting.

5. New Business:

- **Cotton Hollow Preserve-** John Langmaid requested this to be on the agenda, to discuss the public safety concerns. He received many complaints about Memorial Day weekend with trash and undesirable behavior being witnessed. Lisa advised that they were still in the process of hiring and training new Rangers, and there should be more presence at the

Preserve. The Park Rangers do not patrol the Preserve itself but are to stay in the parking lot and notify those entering the Preserve that they cannot bring in food, coolers, etc., as the Preserve is not an area for picnicking. Lisa also explained to the Commission that there are trash barrels at the Grange Pool parking lot as patrons of the pool are allowed to bring food. The upper lot of the Preserve does not have garbage receptacles and that is intentional.

- **Town Email for Commissioners-** The Town Manager is looking into the feasibility of the Commission having town-issued emails. In the interim, he advised that those that wish to set up a separate personal email to be used only for their work as Commissioners may be a good suggestion.

6. Any other business to come before the Commission:

- Corey Turner asked for an update on the possibility of the Riverfront being under the Commission's purview. Lisa advised that currently, the Riverfront Park Budget is a separate entity for the Parks and Recreation budget. This item will be placed under Old Business for the September Recreation Commission meeting.
- Jessica Wallace asked for any updates on the bike trails at the Addison Bog. Lisa mentioned the work was to commence, and would get an update sent to the Commission over the summer months.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting- September 18, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Zerio

Director of Parks & Recreation