

## MINUTES – GLASTONBURY RECREATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2023

The Glastonbury Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023

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

Absent: Jessica Wallace, Mario DiLoreto

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### 1. CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE September 18th, 2023, REGULAR MEETING were approved unanimously.

#### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- NONE

#### 4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Lisa provided information on the following:

- **The Spooky Story Stroll** will be held on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the event is full with 325 participants.
- **Halloween with Hometown Heroes** is a new event that will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> is a collaborative special event with Police, Fire, EMS, Youth and Family, and the Library. Activities include arts & crafts, a “not so scary sensory maze”, a tent or treat, an interactive photo area, cider and donuts, and raffles.
- **Santa's Run** registration is underway. 160 registrants as of 10/16/23.
- **Town and Community Tag Sale** scheduled for Saturday 10/21/23 (rain date Sunday 10/22/23).
- **GBA** travel tryouts are underway, with games starting in early November, and practices underway beginning this week. The recreation league will be starting in mid-November. Open Gym began on October 10th with the addition of Pickleball on Thursday nights.
- **The winter 2023-2024 Men's Basketball League** will begin on Sunday, October 22nd. There are 7 teams (1 less than last year) registered for this upcoming year.
- **Fall Skate Lessons** are underway, with the session ending on November 4th. Lessons were canceled 3 weeks in a row due to rain.
- **Fall/Winter Swim Team** underway with 188 swimmers. 20 more than last year. USA Short Course has 37 swimmers compared to 26 last year.
- Pickleball lessons and tennis lessons are both full but have had a number of rain cancellations.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- **Little League Project**- Little League is meeting with the Police, Fire, and EMS to discuss the monument design. Fundraising has commenced for the lighting project. Don Longtin, President of Little League is aware that the proposal for naming the field will need to be brought in front of the Recreation Commission for approval, before going to the Town Council.
- **Budget**- FY24-25- Lisa will be getting information on the timeline for submission by the next meeting.
- **Center Green Improvements**- staff has been doing the assessment of the irrigation, trees, walkways, and fountain. Lisa will bring forth to the Commission an update and look for ideas and suggestions of improvements.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Open Space Management Plan- Presented by GZA-** members of the Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission attended the meeting. GZ GeoEnvironmental, Inc. and Connwood Foresters, Inc. presented their findings. An online survey was conducted and 600 surveys were completed. The consultants have not evaluated the results as of yet. The consultants performed field studies which included resource inventory and mapping. They evaluated JB Williams and five parcels on the former MDC properties. They reviewed and documented current trails, future trails, wetlands/watercourses, forest health, flora and fauna, and invasive species.
- **Commission Member Terms-** Lisa advised that Corey Turner and Ellen Saunig's terms are up 12/3/23
- **Proposed Meeting Dates 2024** -Approved unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT** meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**Next scheduled meeting** - November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation