

Willington Recreation Commission

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Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 27, 2010

7:00 PM

Attending Members: Joseph Colangelo, Josh Walsh, Bill Bilyak, and Mike Pinatti. Karl Acimovic and John Patton were present to review RFP's for the RRAC. Teri Gereau was also in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous WPRC meeting were reviewed with a change noted in the spelling of Teri Gereau's name. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Josh Walsh with a second by Joe Colangelo. All members were in agreement.

II. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- No general discussion.

III. DIRECTORS REPORT:

- The gardening class had lower attendance than last year's session.
- Our ski trip did not have many attendants.
- Yoga attendance is strong.
- Zumba attendance is down 50%.
- Fencing has a steady attendance of nine people.
- Golf lessons were given and had nine attendants.
- Archery had a fair attendance but the cooking class did not.
- Summer Camp and Halls Pond are being prepared for the summer season.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The RRAC RFP's were presented in an initial format by Karl Acimovic. The plays cape was presented as the first RFP. This included a separate bid for the plays cape system, excavation by an appropriate private contractor (possibly tied in with the basketball and volleyball excavation), points for concrete bases provided by Karl's crew, assembly by a community build directed by Bill Bilyak, and infill of cedar chips by the Public Works Department. The other RFP's were to come in the following order; #2 volleyball and basketball courts, #3 pavilion, #4 walking path. Karl will provide a shed relocation on the submitted site plans and we will move the shed with volunteers.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A format for senior projects requested in the future by local students was discussed. Some students became involved in the recreational basketball program last season. The results were positive. Coaches felt that students were very successful in running practices, and helping with scoring and maintaining control of the bench during games, with some real game time coaching as well. The students role going forward seems to be best suited in the

organizational aspect of the team, with a smaller impact on the coaching. Student Senior Project activity in the basketball program will be approached in the following manner; with the boys teams a maximum of four male students will be accepted for projects with one alternate and only for the 5/6 and 7/8 grade teams, the girls program will have a maximum of two female students accepted for projects with one alternate. Students will be accepted on a "first come first served" basis. Only one student will be allowed to help per team. It was suggested that students who did their Senior Projects last season should attend a future WPRC meeting and discuss their experiences to help create some additional layers of protocol going forward.

- B. The commission vacancy left by Rich Mindek will be filled by a volunteer following notification to the Selectmen's Office by a formal letter provided by Commission Chair Joe Colangelo.
- C. Josh Walsh has suggested starting a Willington Parks and Recreation Face book Page to help with connecting more people with our programs. Josh will work on starting and maintaining the page in the near future.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Joe Colangelo motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Bill Bilyak. The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May25th, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall Office Building.

Respectfully submitted 4/29/10
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