

Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Crestbrook Park Golf Course Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 01, 2023
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Town Hall - Parks & Recreation Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road
Watertown CT 06795

I. Call Meeting to Order

Sub-Committee Chairman Ken LaRosa called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Ken LaRosa and Joseph McGrail

Absent: Pat Rinaldi

Others Present: Lisa Carew - Park & Recreation Director, William Donston – Chair – Park & Recreation Commission, Al Mickel

III. Public Participation – none.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. April 06, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Ken LaRosa seconded by Joseph McGrail to approve the regular meeting date for April 06,2023

Aye: 1 LaRosa
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 McGrail

Motion passes

B. Regular meeting – May 4, 2023 Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

V. Correspondence

- Founders Row on Bennett's Drive (the driveway into Crestbrook Park is unofficially named Bennett's Drive) – correspondence from the Stepanek, Scully and Dalton families for the inscription and acknowledgement on the new park bench plaques.

VI. Reports

A. Chairman

Ken LaRosa reported:

Motion: Ken LaRosa seconded by Joseph McGrail to add under New Business IX
B. Discussion and ideas for Sunset Grille Event parking.

Motion approved

- Course was in great shape.
- Women's Lesson.
- Doing well with sales.

Joseph McGrail brought up about the sand traps and the grant that was written a few years ago that the Town never received.

B. Director of Human, Social & Leisure Services

Lisa Carew reported:

- The "Security Plus" system for the restaurant has been completed.
- Met with the Fire Marshal at the parking area in front of the restaurant. Fire lines can only be used in front of the building.
- Attendance at the golf course has been excellent. Course conditions are great and the weather has been good.
- The eight additional golf carts were delivered, right before Memorial Day Weekend.
- Ray Marks and staff have removed the fence around the grease trap container at the restaurant and the Highway Department moved the trap.
- Our Highway Department has done an incredible job fixing the parking lot path to pool, corner, stump removal etc.

C. Golf Professional – none.

D. Restaurant Representative – none.

VII. Old Business – none.

IX. New Business

A. Review and Consideration of Submitted Applications and Tournaments for 2023

B. Discussion and ideas for Sunset Grille Event parking.

There was discussion on event held over the Memorial Weekend by the Sunset Grille that directly impacted the golf course, other areas of the park, Northfield Road and residents of the area. It was estimated over 800 people attended a concert. Parking was on both sides of the causeway, all regular parking lots, on the driveway to the Pro Shop and on Northfield Road.

The Commission discussed solutions for future events:

- No concert before at certain time- before 4 or 5 PM
- Limit # of participants by selling advanced tickets and not selling at the door.
- Hiring Police Officers.
- Rope off what areas for parking – sharing parking lots applies not only to the town but also the restaurant
- Encourage carpooling.
- Renting portolets to accommodate the crowd – swimming pool restrooms were not open.
- Coordination prior to events for parking.
- Consider having restaurant staff park at the CBP Maintenance lot on Northfield Road.
- Consider offsite parking and hiring shuttle busses to handle large crowds.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ken LaRosa and seconded by Joseph McGrail to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Ken LaRosa, Chairman
Crestbrook Park Golf Course Subcommittee