



MINUTES

WATERTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, April 04, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Watertown Municipal Center – Recreation Department
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Ct.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Ken LaRosa called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Ken LaRosa, V. Chairman
Pat Rinaldi, Secretary
Karim Belica
Margaret Germain
Joseph McGrail
Alan Mickel

ABSENT: William Donston, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Desna- Town Council Liaison, Michael Ganem – Director of Parks, Recreation, Senior and Social Services

III. Public Participation – none

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March 07, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Al Mickel seconded by Margaret Germain to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 07, 2024.

Aye: 5 LaRosa, Rinaldi, Germain, McGrail, Mickel

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Belica

Motion passes

- V. Correspondence
- Code of Ordinances, Elderly Tax Relief.
 - Report from Assistant Director, Carrie Godfrey highlighting activities, programs, and special events.
 - Gazebo/pavilion permit requests
 - Restaurant requests
- VI. Reports
- A. Chairman – none.
- B. Director
- Michael Ganem reported:
- Provided an overview and a demonstration of the department’s online information and registration page: MyRec. The director further displayed to the commission many of the back-office features including financial and participation reporting,
- C. Sub-Committees
- Ken LaRosa reported:
- Golf Course, there was discussion about the number of golf carts that should be available for golfers and reiterated that gas engines are currently more suitable for the topography of the course.
- VII. Old Business: none.
- IX. New Business
- A. Review and Consideration of Submitted Applications for 2024.
- High School Softball
- Motion: Ken LaRosa seconded by Margaret Germain to approve the High School Softball Banquet.*
- Motion approved*
- Requests for the restaurant were reviewed. The director will follow up with the applications to include logistics, noise permits, and parking.
- B. Parks and Facilities
- The director brought to the commission’s attention the condition of the tennis courts at Crestbrook.
- X. Adjournment
- MOTION: seconded by Al Mickel seconded by Josph McGrail to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Ken LaRosa, Vice Chair
Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk