



MINUTES

WATERTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Town Hall - Parks & Recreation Conference Room
61 Echo Lake Road
Watertown, CT 06795

I. Call to Order:

Chairman William Donston called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

PRESENT: William Donston, Chairman
Ken LaRosa, Vice Chairman
Pat Rinaldi, Secretary
Margaret Germain
Alan Mickel

ABSENT: Karim Belica
Vacancy

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Carew, Parks & Recreation Director

III. Public Comment:

None.

MOTION: seconded by William Donston seconded by Margaret Germain to add under ix. New Business – C – “Discussion and possible consideration to accept a new scoreboard for Deland Field in remembrance of Roger Ouellette”.

Motion Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes:

A. March 2, 2023

MOTION: Alan Mickel seconded by Margaret Germain to approve the Meeting minutes for March 2, 2023.

Motion Approved

V. Correspondence:

William Donston review items in tonight's packet:

- Newspaper article on Golf Pro Marty Byrnes.
- CBP Restaurant Outside Activity Request Form.
- Town Audit (printout)
- P & R Department Summer Activities
- FASC Monthly Activities Booklet.
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VI. Reports:

A. Chairman

William Donston reported:

- He attended the annual budget review for the Town Council with Director Lisa Carew and Laura Garay from Senior Services.

MOTION: William Donston seconded by Ken LaRosa to add item IX – New Business D – “consider recommendation of support to hire an assistant senior services coordinator”

Aye: 4 Donston, LaRosa, Rinaldi, Germain

Nay: 1 Mickel

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

B. Director of Human, Social & Leisure Services

Lisa Carew reported:

- The Summer Recreation schedule is included along with the Senior Services Monthly Calendar.
- Shamrock Shuffle was held on March 11th there was 2-hour delay.
- Golf course opened this past Monday, looks great, kudos to Ray and staff.
- Attached is the Town Audit, I have copies available if anyone is interested.

C. Sub-Committees Reports

1. Golf Course

Ken LaRosa reported:

- Course opened on Monday, April 3rd, course is in great shape, spirits are high.
- Marty has a golf club demo on April 13th at the Pro Shop. He has an outside vendor coming.
- Season passes – 137 sold to date.
- Restaurant will be open 7 days a week. Ken LaRosa welcomed back Joe Romano. The restaurant is working on a golfer's pub menu.
- The snack-shack reopens next week.

VII. Old Business:

A. Proposed Community/Senior Center – no update.

IX. New Business:

a. Review and Consideration of Submitted Applications for 2023.

MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Margaret Germain to approve the following schedule of tournaments:

McFadden – July 29th

R. Nolan – 144 players

Little League – August 27th

Watertown Police Department – October

JRC Transportation – November 144 players

Sunset Grille's Car Show – August 6th with rain date of August 13th

Motion Approved

b. Consideration and Possible Recommendation Regarding a full time Social Workers position.

MOTION: William Donston seconded by Ken LaRosa to recommend the Town Council consider adding a full-time Social Worker position for the Town.

Motion Approved

c. Discussion and possible consideration to accept a new scoreboard for Deland Field in remembrance of Roger Ouellette.

Donation of a new scoreboard for Deland Field - to replace the scoreboard that is approximately 19/20 years old and works sometimes.

Bruce Cianciolo, 22 Malvern Hill Road spoke that the scoreboard will be donated and requested it be in "In Memory of Roger Ouellette".

The scoreboard will be 6 X 16 with panel above and below.

- All fundraising is complete.
- Install & electrical will be donated by Guerrera Electric (did WHS scoreboards).
- Controls are Bluetooth and all will be given to the Town.
- Scoreboard will not look like existing one, numbers are larger and led.

MOTION: William Donston seconded by Margaret Germain to approve.

Motion Approved

D. Consider recommendation of support to hire an Assistant Senior Services Coordinator.

MOTION: Pat Rinaldi seconded by Ken LaRosa to approve.

Aye: 4 Donston, LaRosa, Rinaldi, Germain

Nay: 1 Mickel

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

X. Adjournment:

MOTION: Pat Rinaldi seconded by Ken LaRosa to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

William Donston, Chairman
Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk