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 Byrne.
   - CBP Restaurant Outside Activity Request Form.
   - Town Audit (printout)
   - P & R Department Summer Activities
   - FASC Monthly Activities Booklet.

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:
VII. Old Business:
   A. Proposed Community/Senior Center – no update.

IX. New Business:

      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”.

- 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.
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,

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William Donston, Chairman
Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved: __________________
Susan King, Clerk