



# MINUTES

## WATERTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, July 06, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Watertown Municipal Center – Recreation Department  
61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Ct.

### I. Call to Order

Chairman William Donston called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** William Donston, Chairman  
Ken LaRosa, V. Chairman  
Pat Rinaldi, Secretary  
Karim Belica  
Al Mickel

**ABSENT:** Margaret Germain  
Joseph McGrail

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lisa Carew, Parks & Recreation Director

### III. Public Participation

Barbara Culkeski, 17 Mallory Road, Watertown, CT

**RE:** Concern over the condition of Adam's Road Park/

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. June 01, 2023, Regular Meeting

Discussion correction on reports 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary not 1100<sup>th</sup>.

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Karim Belica to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 01, 2023.*

Motion passed

**V. Correspondence**

- Thank you letter – Watertown Garden Club
- Lifeguard staff (lack of) at Sylvan Lake lifeguard
- Noise permits
- FYI – hot weather protocol

**VI. Reports**

A. Chairman

Chairman William Donston reported:

- Block Party – this Saturday
- Bill will be meeting with individual commissioners not to violate any FOI concerns
- Scoreboard has been delivered to Deland. Scoreboard dedicated in memory of Roger Ouellette

B. Director of Human, Social & Leisure Services

Lisa Carew reported:

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Concerts, movies, Block Parties & the Farmers Market

**CRESTBROOK:**

Hill is done, waited for new FY to finish the fences.

**PARKS:**

The new fountain is installed and working at Echo Lake Park.

Aquatic treatments have been done at Echo, Sylvan and Lake Winnemaug.

Vandalism at the LW Boat Launch.

John and his staff have been busy between the field.

No one applied internally for the Laborers position. It'll be opened up to the public.

**RECREATION:**

**BUSY Summer !!**

**SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Summer busy time for the FB due to the kids being home from school

**SENIOR SERVICES:**

Senior newsletter is attached for review. Coordinator Laura Garay, is very short staffed right now due to illness and vacations. There is funding in the budget for an assistant.

Federal ARPA Funds will be used for additional transportation for the Seniors. Many popular special events.

- Roof bids for Crestbrook Pro Shop, the Sunset Grille and the Falls Avenue Senior Center will be due on July 11, 2023 to the Purchasing Agent.

Lisa Carew reviewed Carrie Godfrey, Assistant Director's report:

-A few summer activities have started. First Aid/CPR Course, Kids Can Cook, Foodology, Escape the Crate Dog Classes just to name a few. Summer camp officially starts June 26<sup>th</sup>.

-Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> we held our Town Wide Tag Sale. There was a total of 69 participants! Great turnout for such a well-received event.

-Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> we had our mandatory staff meeting for all Summer and Lifeguard Staff. During this meeting we went over the summer staff manual and there was a Universal Precautions class.

-The Watertown Fall Festival Committee met on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Packets are available. Vendors are starting to send their applications in.

-Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> we brought back the Summer Poker Run. This popular event is held at Veterans' Memorial Park every Wednesday. We had 34 people who either ran the 5K, 3K, or 1K. June 28<sup>th</sup> we had a record of 55 runners!

-Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> we kicked off "Entertainment at the Park" with our first concert. The Mark Fusco Band played, and Pasta Heaven 2 GO Food Truck came for the evening. Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> The Mad River Band performed, and Not Just Blown Smoke Food Truck came. There has been a great crowd and people really enjoyed these free concerts at Veterans Park.

-Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> we had a bus trip to Quassy Amusement Park. It was sold out with 50 kids registered. Everything went well, I went as a chaperone, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was a gorgeous day!

-Summer camp officially started on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. We we're very busy preparing and can't wait for some summer fun!

C. Sub-Committees

- Ken LaRosa reported:  
Golf Course -  
- Course is in great shape – rain! Course works fantastic; play is way up

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Proposed Community/Senior Center - no report.

**VIII. New Business**

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

- August 26, 2023 by Ordinary Joe's denied due to a tournament the following day (Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>)  
Ordinary Joe's will be given alternate dates as presented by the Golf Course Subcommittee
- Sunset Grille Fundraiser "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bands, Brew and BBQ – to benefit the Waterton Food bank.

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Pat Rinaldi to approved the event for Sunday, September 3, 2023, from 12 noon to 6 pm. Sunset Grille is required to monitor the parking lots; live music should be inside. There will be no carnival rides or inflatables/bounce houses.*

Motion passed

- B. Steele rook Grant award (French Street to Unico fields)

Funds awarded to develop maps for Phase II from French Street to the Unico fields.

- C. Review and consideration on reviewing the 9's at Crestbrook Park Golf Course to the original layout effective 2023 golf season.

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Pat Rinaldi to change the course back to the original configuration. Start now to reverse back to the original footprint for 2023 season.*

Motion passed

- D. Summary of Supercommittee – Bill Donston reported on the two meetings to date.

**X. Adjournment**

*MOTION: Pat Rinaldi seconded by Alan Mickel to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:46 p.m.*

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

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William Donston, Chairman  
Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan King, Clerk