

Town of Warren Parks and Recreation
Meeting July 27, 2020
Minutes

Attendance:

Commission Members present: Kirby Mullen, Don Murphy, Kathy Andreassen, Sarah Churyk

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm at The Warrant Town Beach

Review of Minutes: Motion to accept the June 7 and the June 22, 2020 minutes was made by Kathy Andreassen, Kirby Mullen seconded and the Commission approved the minutes.

Financial Report: Don has a list of checks that have been issued since the beginning of July. These include checks for Senior entertainment, and a deposit for River of Dreams (concert where the three towns are coming together).

Beach - Tonight the lifeguards are doing training. The endurance aspect is to swim to Hopkins and run back. There has been nice training throughout the summer. We're trying to nurture and mentor lifeguards for next year. This year, only two of the guards are from Warren.

The trees that are in the beach area have dead limbs and need to be cleaned up and crown reduction done. In the process of cleaning up the trees, we will have to take a look at replacement trees. If the trees die/fall down it will change the character of the beach. We will need recommendations about what type of trees will grow here. We probably need an overall landscaping plan for the entire property. Don will give us more information at the next meeting.

Programs and events:

1. We've combined with Morris and Goshen to do an outdoor drive-in movie (we are splitting the \$800-900 to run the movie between the three towns).
2. We had a senior picnic with the three towns.

3. We moved around our concert schedule: Aug 15 is Nightshift at Warren Woods and Aug 29th is Gunsmoke at Warren Woods. On the 22nd - there is a group called River of Dreams (a Billy Joel tribute band) - we've combined forces with the three towns and it will be at the Morris Town Beach. Tickets are available through Eventbrite (about 90 have been sold so far). Don can look into applying for grants to put on more expensive concerts.
4. There is a senior picnic on Aug 6 at the Morris Town Beach. There will be food trucks and plenty of room for social distancing.
5. There will be a Pizza Party on August 19 for seniors.
6. The Saturday of Labor Day weekend is normally the community tag sale. It has always been a great event. The question is whether people want to have tag sales at their house. We can give suggestions about staying safe but it comes down to a personal decision about whether you want people on your property and touching your things.
7. The front porch project was great.

Public Comment:

1. Roger Parkhouse raised a few issues: the gate at the beach where residents bring in kayaks and canoes needs to be widened. It would be nice to have a metal trashcan for disposing of old charcoal. The BBQ on the left at the beach needs to be replaced. More bushes should be removed. At the far end where bushes were taken out and a picnic table was installed serves the purpose. Roger would like to see the playground and swings opened. (The state has allowed playgrounds to open up as long as there is a plan in place for cleaning (ie, how, who and how often). The guitarist event that we are having at the beach seems odd since we want people to socially distance, but at the same time we're encouraging people to come. It seems conflicting.
2. Tiffany Parkhouse mentioned that the new lifeguards are doing a great job. They are respectful and polite and doing a good with the kids.

Kathi Andreassen moved to adjourn the meeting, Sarah seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.