

Town of Warren Parks and Recreation  
Meeting August 24, 2020  
Minutes

**Attendance:** Commission Members present: Kirby Mullen, Don Murphy, Kathy Andreasen, Kathy Brown, Zach Githens

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm at Warren Woods.

Review of Minutes: The July 27, 2020 minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

1. Don re-capped the concerts: the Billy Joel Tribute concert was very well received. It was sold out. It was hard to tell how many from each town attended, but sharing the costs between the three towns enabled us to have the concert and we were able to recover some costs from donations.
2. We are doing another movie in Morris, but Don would like to talk to the high school about holding these types of events.
3. We discussed the fact that there is interest in our events. People enjoy them and when they are outside, people can social distance.
4. Warren Town Beach - Patrick is our lifeguard instructor. This year the lifeguards were fantastic. Hopefully, we will be able to retain most of this year's staff for next year. There are still people who are upset about the goose barrier. The selectmen would like to have cameras at the beach (it would be a closed system) for security.
5. Trees at the beach - we started a conversation about tree maintenance and replacement at the beach. We need to take a look at some of the existing trees - some are leaning and have dead branches. These older trees will come down at some point, so we need to be prepared to replace them. Also, because there is a new fence along the back - new trees will make the fence look better. We talked about getting three trees. Josh said he will pick them up and plant them, and take down the dead tree. Don has looked at some trees. And will get input from Kit Lundbridge. Don has looked into replacement trees: Armstrong Red Maple's are tall but not too wide. Three would be approximately \$2700. A beach tree would be about \$1400. Kirby Mullen moved that we authorize Don to spend up

to \$4000 for 4 trees at the beach, Kathi Andreasson seconded the motion. The Commission discussed whether we could get a guarantee on the trees. Don said probably not because we will be planting them. (If we plant, we save a lot of money). We could pay Kit to make sure they are planted correctly. The Commission voted and approved the motion unanimously.

6. There is a concert this Saturday at Warren Woods: Gunsmoke.

7. There is an outdoor movie “Jurassic Park” on September 27 in conjunction with Morris.

8. Don previously put down a deposit on another band (Tradesman) and we could schedule a concert for the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend at Warren Woods (Rain date would be Sunday). We could have a town wide picnic or food trucks in addition to the live music. There is also a local band “Wires and Wood” from Litchfield that we could look into. They’d bring a nice crowd. WE could call the event: “Fall in The Woods” Food trucks and music.

9. Zach moved that we postpone the 2020 Cider Run to the spring, Kathi Andreasson seconded, and the Commission voted to move the Cider Run to the Spring 2021. Kirby will check with Fast Track Timing about possible dates.

10. Don brought up a “winter carnival.” There are a lot of outdoor events we could organize in the winter and it would be a fun day. We will revisit this at the next meeting.

11. Don will continue to work with Morris to plan outdoor events.

Finance: Don gave an accounting report that included beach passes, reimbursements, etc. There is nothing unusual. We’ve had a few concerts, an ice cream social with entertainment (together with Morris), movies, etc. Our balance is about \$80,000.

Kathi Andreasson moved to adjourn the meeting, Kirby seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.