

Town of Warren Parks and Recreation
Meeting January 25, 2021
Minutes

Attendance: Commission Members present: Kirby Mullen, Don Murphy, Zach Githens, David Schneiderbeck and Kathy Andreasen

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm at the Warren Town Hall.

1. Review of Minutes: The November 2020 minutes were approved with the following change....

“We are thankful for the Warren Public Works installing the trees and Kit Lundberg’s guidance about tree selection.”

2. Finances: Our budget from the Town is approx \$34,000. Of that, we allocate about \$24,000 to run the beach. (Opening the beach on Memorial Day weekend will cost about \$3500 through the end of June). We do a lot with our limited budget. Don does an amazing job with programming on a small budget.

Warren Woods has a port-a-let. Park and Rec pays for this (\$150/month). It has always been kept there for 12 months a year because the scouts used to use it in February. When the weather is warmer, there are bathrooms that are available. (The Warren Woods port-a-let costs more than the port-a-lets that are at the beach.) Dave moved and Kathy seconded to have the port-a-let removed from Warren Woods. The Commission unanimously approved the motion. If, in the future, we need one for a month or so we can bring it back on a temporary basis.

3. We think people will really be looking forward to doing fun things this summer. Don has come up with a great concert program schedule:

July 10, July 13, July 31, August 6, August 21 and one more in the fall. We will continue to work collaboratively with Morris on two or three of our concerts. These concerts will be booked through Eventbrite. The two towns will let people know what is going on in each town. We will also have concerts/events at the beach. We are planning for 6 events at the beach this summer, and they typically run about \$250 each.

Don wants to move forward with scheduling these concerts. Dave moved to allocate up to \$4500 to allow the Park and Rec Director to confirm concerts as dis-

cussed, and cover any cost overage from our account, Kathy seconded and the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Don will try to schedule a food truck for as many concerts as possible. The Truck Stop Troubadours are booked for the same day as the chicken bbq.

4. Don will to figure out online registration for the Beach this summer. Normally, we sell about 340 permits a summer. Don suggested we offset the costs of an online system by raising the price by \$5. This will also eliminate the handling of money at the beach. Don also recommends we take a look at the prices of passes this year. Finally, we need to consider keeping the beach “guarded” until 7pm again this summer. It really made a difference last summer. Don will put together budget figures for this expense.

5. Snowmen project - snowmen are put out around town for people to search out and find.

6. Seniors: St. Patricks Day - we might try a different type of lunch to give out. We had a senior group get together for oven fired pizza in March in Morris.

7. We will also do our walking contest again with Morris.

8. Juke Box Bingo is scheduled for Wed. The 10th.

9. Cider Run - the Commission discussed a date for the Cider Run, and decided that it is too early to plan the event this spring because of Covid. We will plan the Cider Run for the fall.

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27, Kathy seconded and the meeting was adjourned.