

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathleen Andreasen

Kirby Mullins

David Schneiderbeck

Ruth Schnell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director presented a financial statement for the year to date.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting, On motion by Kirby, seconded by Dave, the Board voted to approve the minutes.

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS

Don reviewed the upcoming trip to the Yankees/Red Sox game and noted that the trip is nearly sold out. He stressed the on-going cooperation with nearby towns and how important it is to good programming.

TOWN BEACH

Kayak rack: Dave said they kayak rack will be ready by the end of the month or beginning of May. He said the rack will be placed perpendicular to the fence and will allow users to lock their kayaks. The racks will be made of pressure treated lumber and set in concrete. Ruth asked how visible they will be from the beach and Dave said only the ends will be visible from the beach. There will be space for 12 kayaks and more can be added if needed. The fees for rack space will be discussed at a later date.

Beach screening: Don said the Washington Club would like to talk about their addition of screening between the two beaches. Don and Josh Tanner will be visiting the site tomorrow to look at the proposed screening site and also determine what other items are needed at the beach.

Beach cleanup day will be Saturday, April 30.

The condition of the entrance road was discussed and Don said the road is owned by 6 landowners and the town is trying to work something out with them regarding maintenance.

Beach Permits: Don proposed an amendment to the beach fee structure and the commission members voted 4-0 in favor, on motion by Ruth, seconded by Kirby to add the following:

“Any retired Town of Warren employee 65 years or older, having served the town for a minimum of 10 years, shall be eligible to purchase a beach parking permit at the residential rate.”

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Kathy asked if the committee would consider adding another porta-john to our existing contract and placing the unit at the community garden site on the Wasley property. The committee indicated agreement with the suggestion.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Don reviewed some of the plans he has made for summer concerts. There will be two tribute bands in conjunction with the Town of Morris. The Tom Petty project will be held June 24 at Morris Town Beach, and the Billy Joel/Elton John concert will be held at Warren Woods. Those will be ticketed thru Eventbrite with a modest fee to cover costs.

Don said he would like to coordinate with Morris for a concert with food trucks and a beer/wine truck at a concert.

CIDER RUN

Kirby brought up the subject of the Cider Run and the need to set a date. The commission will make a decision at the next meeting. A brief discussion was held regarding the opportunity expand the Cider Run to perhaps include a concert, food trucks, etc.

WARREN WOODS

The commission discussed the possibility of adding heat to the Warren Woods activity building so it could be used later in the fall season. Dave suggested an infra-red propane heat system for the main room. He didn't think it would be prohibitively expensive.

ACADEMY BUILDING

Don noted that improvements are needed at the Academy. Kathy noted that any improvements would probably involve bringing things up to current building codes and therefore expensive. Perhaps the Historical Society would know of some grants that could be sought.

EVENTS

Upcoming events include beach cleanup on April 23, beach cleanup and kayak rack installation on April 30, Hopkins Inn luncheon on May 5, Bend and Stretch exercise classes beginning April 19.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ruth, seconded by Kirby, the members voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathleen Andreasen