

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held March 27, 2023 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathy Andreasen

David Schneiderbeck

Ruth Schnell

Kirby Mullen

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion by Kirby, seconded by Dave, the minutes of December 29, 2022 and January 30, 2023 meetings were approved.

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS

The Director commented on the importance of the collaboration with the Town of Morris for programs and events. He reviewed all the concerts and trips that have been planned and posted for this year. He also noted he has now served the town of Warren for 10 years.

Don also said the department's annual budget is \$34,000, and reviewed expenditures for the concerts. The group Cobblestone Road will play for the chicken BBQ. He reviewed the St. Patrick's Day party which drew over 60 people.

Upcoming events include two main concerts with the Grateful Dead All-Stars and Fleetwood Mac. There will be food trucks. The July 1 concert will start at 5:15 to allow people time to get to the fireworks display later that night.

The annual Easter egg hunt will take place on April 8 and the Bend and Stretch class starts April 25. There will be a Lunch and Learn on April 26 with a speaker from the Lake Waramaug Task Force to talk about taking care of the lake.

Kirby asked about the date for the Cider Run. After discussion it was agreed that October 21 was the best date if Warren Woods is available.

Don said he would like to collaborate with the school on something once school is out for the summer. He suggested having music and a food truck.

WARREN TOWN BEACH

Don reviewed activities planned for the beach this summer. He noted that Dave will be working as a lifeguard. He will try to coordinate some kayaking and stand-up paddleboard activities with town of Washington.

The kayak rack will be installed shortly. Dave will stake the location for the permit sign-off. The committee discussed the proposed seasonal fee and it was decided that \$60 was appropriate. Kirby asked if a paddleboard rack could be provided.

CIRCLE OF CARE EVENT

Don advised the committee of a charitable event taking place on April 30. A local student who is undergoing medical treatment will be an ambassador to the event taking place in Wilton. It has been proposed that there be a celebratory event at the end of the day with music, food. The committee agreed it was a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dave, seconded by Ruth, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Andreasen