

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held April 26, 2023 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathy Andreasen

David Schneiderbeck (on telephone)

Ruth Schnell

Kirby Mullen

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

### MINUTES

On motion by Kirby, seconded by Dave, the minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting were approved as corrected. (Date of Lunch and Learn program is May 3.)

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director reviewed the department's finances. He said there is \$1100 left in the budget to cover beach salaries until the start of the new fiscal year.

### WARREN TOWN BEACH

Don noted that lifeguards are needed for the summer. He anticipates the salary will be \$16 per hour this year.

Don noted that Dave has done a good job building the kayak racks. So far there are 28 people who want space. Dave offered to build more racks if needed. There are currently spaces for 12 kayaks. The commission has decided to allocate a certain number of the racks for senior citizens.

Beach cleanup will be held on May 13. Nine programs of entertainment have been planned throughout the summer. Don suggested having a Mexican night during one of the entertainment nights. He also noted there will be a donated bench installed this summer.

### CONCERTS

Don noted all the concerts are in order for the summer. The commission needs to focus on the Grateful Dead All Stars and Fleetwood Mac concerts as they are ticketed events and will draw large crowds. Help will be needed those nights.

Food will be provided during the Fleetwood Macked concert by Meraki, Litchfield Distillery will have a tasting and there will be ice cream. At the chicken BBQ a country group called Cobblestone will perform.

### PLANNED TRIPS

Don said upcoming trips in the planning include a trip to Newport and a Christmas show, a trip to Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Strawberry Banke, a wine tasting trip to upstate New York. He said a lot of people have signed up for the Alaska trip.

He also said he is working on smaller-scale local trips with a 12-passenger bus and is seeking suggestions.

### CLASSES

Don said the Bend and Stretch exercise class has started and 10 people attended. A recent flower arranging class led by Wamogo students was held with future classes at Thanksgiving and Christmas planned.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Andreasen