

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held August 22, 2022 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathy Andreasen

Kirby Mullen

David Schneiderbeck

Ruth Schnell (by telephone)

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. It was noted that the correct date on the agenda should be August 22, 2022.

MINUTES

On motion by Kirby, seconded by Dave the minutes of June 27, 2022 were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Don noted that the financial report is not available for technical reasons.

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS

Don reported that the Jones Beach, Beach Boys concert trip was a great success, everyone had great seats. There were two buses filled for the Yankee/Red Sox game. There is an August trip to Lake George planned, and a Mets/Dodger game next week. There is a trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty planned for September 11, a trip to Charleston, South Carolina planned for the fall, a football game, Jets Vs. Patriots, on October 30. In December a trip to the Boston Pops is being planned.

WARREN TOWN BEACH – Update

Don reported that Patrick has done a “great job” managing the lifeguards and beach, it has been tremendously well attended. He said the lifeguards were difficult to get, but are doing a great job. The beach looks beautiful.

Regarding the kayak rack, Dave said he will get the necessary permit in the fall and hydrangeas will be planted. The trees put in over the last few years are looking great.

STAFFING NEEDS

Don noted that both the First Selectman and the Finance Director feel that he needs help from April to August so he is looking for an intern.

CONCERTS

The Director reported on attendance for summer concerts so far. There was good attendance at the beach event, would like to do something with ice cream. Of the premium concerts, Billy Joel/Elton John tribute, there were 232 tickets purchased, the Tom Petty Project drew 292 ticket holders. The Grateful Dead tribute drew 350 people. Don said he is trying to get a Fleetwood Mac tribute band for next July 15. He would like to include food trucks and a beer/wine dispenser truck.

CIDER RUN – Update

Kirby reported that they would like to get the elementary schools to participate in the Cider Run on October 22. She is also working on getting t-shirts and confirming Fast-Track Timing. Don mentioned perhaps getting a bounce-house for the youngsters. Kirby said there is a need for runners and walkers.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dave, seconded by Kirby, the Commission voted to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Andreasen