

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held January 30, 2023 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathy Andreasen

Kirby Mullen (on phone)

David Schneiderbeck (on phone)

Ruth Schnell

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

MINUTES

On motion by Ruth, seconded by Dave, the minutes of the December 29, 2022 meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS

Don reviewed the concerts planned for next summer. The Connecticut Grateful Dead All-Stars are scheduled for July 1. Since the Lake Waramaug fireworks will be the same evening, the concert will start earlier, at 5:30, to allow people to attend both. Don noted that this group played in Morris last year and the concert drew 367 people.

The Director reviewed entertainment scheduled for the beach next summer. He noted that August concerts draw fewer attendees than July events. He is thinking about some event for Labor Day or Columbus Day, and also about having a pizza night some Friday at the beach.

The Friends of Warren School have indicated a desire to collaborate on an event. We will await their suggestions

Don brought up the subject of new signage for the Town parks. The First Selectman has been advised of a design and has agreed. The signs will be green and white.

It was noted that planned snowing and cross-country skiing will probably have to wait until next year as we have no snow right now. Dave offered to lead a hike if anyone is interested.

Don advised the Board of some planting projects he will do at the Warren beach. He also advised the Board that a resident wishes to donate a memorial bench for the beach. The commission members agreed but suggested that the bench be substantial enough to withstand the weather.

Another activity planned is pickleball at the community center. The Director said he would order the supplies and get help to line the courts. He also said there are 138 kids involved in the basketball program.

Other upcoming events include the Stg. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Warren Church on March 17 and a spring lunch at Hopkins Inn.

WARREN TOWN BEACH

The Commission members reviewed the fees for beach permits and agreed to make no changes to the current fee schedule.

The Director noted it will be challenging to get lifeguards again this year but he is confident they will be hired. He also reviewed a few items regarding the beach—having a pizza night, an ice cream night, having cornhole, getting a handicap mat for access to the water.

Dave said he has the material for the kayak rack and can do it in March and April. Don said he will have some kayak rack regulations at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ruth, seconded by Kirby, the Commission voted to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by
Kathleen Andreasen