



**Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission
June 27, 2023 - 4:30 pm
Waterford Community Center**

The Recreation and Parks Commission held a regular scheduled meeting on June 27, 2023 at the Waterford Community Center. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Director Ryan McNamara and a quorum was established.

Members in attendance: R. Erricson, E. Murphy, T. Santos, L. Beaney J. Gregg

Members Absent: M. Chiappone, N. Scheiber

Staff: Director - R. McNamara, Program Coordinator - T. Cieplik, and Office Coordinator- E. Sullivan

Approval of Meeting Minutes :

(Motion #1) - Made by R. Erricson and seconded by E. Murphy to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 regular meeting. So voted 5-0

Public Comments:

- None

Correspondence:

- Grant letter and check for \$10,000.00 from Gardiner Family Foundation to be used for the Children's playground project in the Civic Triangle. A thank you letter will be sent.
- Resignation Memo from Chairman - Kenneth Hall. We have two openings and have received 2 letters of interest from Megan Gwudz and Taylor Stino.

Other Correspondence:

- None

STAFF REPORTS:

Director R. McNamara - since first of year we have done 57k in checks, \$27k in cash and \$74k in credit cards (\$56k came from online services) There are a lot of things being done online now. Looking to get the basketball bids out. T. Santos and R. McNamara were at the dredging and boardwalk which was approved by RTM. Plans will be moving forward with dredging moving first. Waiting on Anchor Engineering for the Waterford Beach Garage. Looking to start projects for new CIP plan - Barry Farm has potential grants we can work with Army Corp. Stenger Farm Bathrooms and also automated gate at the WBP gatehouse. Two new handicapped spots have been installed at WBP. Trash cans we are looking at solar compaction as they may be the most useful - doing an assessment to see if it is beneficial. Summer basketball league at Waterford High School for surrounding towns will begin soon and bring in a little revenue. We have been supporting Public Works with the community center and the HVAC system. The software has been approved to update the entire building and will cost approximately \$300,000.00. Eagle Scout C. Antonelli installed pollinator garden at Stenger Farm Park. CLMS field day the restrooms were vandalized at the pavilion and J. Sachs is aware and will provide any funding needed for corrections and will not be allowed there again. We need to establish a chairman and vice chair - will have slate at next month's meeting.

Program Coordinator T. Cieplik - Field requests are coming in daily - cheerleading and football needing space. Vets field is being used daily and Electric Boat 35 and older is renting. Social Media - we are trying to get information out as much as possible to promote ourselves. 3v2 basketball is half full, Farmers Market we have a great relationship with doing great on the weekends. Waterford parade is August 12th. Summer playground are at 176 thus far and there have been no problems or complaints about the rate going from \$10.00 to \$25.00. We have been working with J. Trelli from Youth and Family for training of our summer camp staff for the first time and this way we can borrow staff if needed because they are all trained the same.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating - Slate put together for next meeting.
- Personnel - one employee out on medical leave with a knee issue
- Youth Sports Council - none
- Long Range Planning - Ryan to reach out to J. Gregg look at plans a little more before we get quotes and also bring to commission to prioritize the projects.
- Policies and procedures - Continuing to work on.

Representative Reports:

- Board of Ed - None
- Board of Finance - None
- Historical Society - None
- O'Neil Theater - None
- Senior Services - None

Old Business :

- None

New Business :

- None

Adjournment :

(Motion # 3): Made by R. Erricson and seconded by E. Murphy to adjourn the meeting. So voted 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Sullivan, Office Coordinator
Recreation and Parks Commission
