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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Parks and Recreation Commission

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes: August 11, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Video Conference-Meeting via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gordon Oliver, Sherry Kraus, Cheri Murphy, Tara Kozik and Christopher Weitz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES : June 23, 2021 special meeting**  
MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Nothing to report
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**
  - A. Sandy Beach: The beach has been operating daily with the expected last day of the season being August 29<sup>th</sup>. The lifeguard staff has been very busy and has worked many hours to keep the beach running for the residents of Ellington.
  - B. Summer Camp: The summer camp has exceeded or met full capacity each week. The offering of the free breakfast and lunch program has been very beneficial for most of the families attending this year and Dustin looks to have that budgeted into the camp for the upcoming years.
  - C. Summer Programs: All programs planned for the summer have proceeded as planned.
  - D. Community Garden: The Eagle Scout benches are being installed this upcoming week.
  - E. Fall Programming: Currently the following programs are active for registration: Girls Fall Basketball, Fall Soccer, Winter Youth Basketball, Music and Movement, Jukido, ZUMBA and others. We are still waiting on guidance for indoor programming. We are planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Robert Tedford 5K Road Race for Saturday, November 13, 2021. The plaques honoring Bob Tedford are planned to be installed into the schools this year. Date still to be determined.
  - F. Crosstown Trails Proposal: There is potential for surrounding towns that this trail will connect to South Windsor, East Windsor and other towns to connect to Hartford. A Potential AdHoc Committee is to be created. The Board of Selectman is still researching this proposal as well as the Planning and Zoning department.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance: None
- B. Maintenance: None
- C. Operations: None

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Disc Golf Proposal: Dustin has met with Aidan Caron to review and design the course at the Stein Property. More discussion and outlining of the proposed disc golf course is needed. Sherry Kraus brought up the question of getting sponsors for the course/materials etc. Chris Weitz said that we need to be careful with the rules for the signs on the course and suggest we go through the planning and zoning department for approval.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Playground Proposal at Robert Tedford Memorial Park**

Dustin informed the Recreation Commission members about a discussion he had with the family behind this playground proposal. The family has reached out to the Recreation Department Director and would like to have their playground located at the Robert Tedford Memorial Park. Dustin is looking to the Recreation Commission for a consensus to continue conversations with the family/foundation on the design and map of the playground proposal.

MOVED (KRAUS) SECONDED (KOZIK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GIVE PERMISSION TO DUSTIN HUGUENIN, THE RECREATION DIRECTOR, TO PURSUE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JACOB POULIN FOUNDATION REGARDING PLANNING OF THE PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AT THE ROBERT TEDFORD MEMORIAL PARK.

**B. Recruitment of Recreation Coordinator**

We received one application from an internal candidate for this position. The current salary range is in question as to whether or not it is compatible for this position at this time. Dustin will be discussing with HR, Finance Dept as well as the First Selectman to see if there is any room to adjust the position salary range.

MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (MURPHY) AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF THE INTERNAL CANDIDATE AS OUR RECREATION COORDINATOR.

**X. ADJOURN**

MOVED (OLIVER) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:37 PM.

Submitted By:

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Mary M. Bartley