

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Parks and Recreation Commission

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GORDON OLIVER
CHAIRMAN

Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting March 13, 2024
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way
Virtual option available

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cheri Murphy, Shay Drake, Tara Kozik, Sherry Kraus.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation, Mary M. Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation, Kevin Barrett, Recreation Coordinator and Jamison Boucher BOS Liaison.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:**
Chairperson Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 7, 2024, Special Meeting
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**
Recreation Director Dustin Huguenin welcomed and thanked our BOS liaison member Jamison Boucher to our meeting. Mr. Huguenin mentioned that our 2023 -2024 Basketball season has ended and that the girls' numbers are down, and registrations are lowest in the 5th – 8th grade programs. We are focusing on our spring sports of Lacrosse and Soccer and are gearing up for our summer programming. Baseball is building a new press box on M2. Our part-time Program Assistant, Corey Maznicki resigned, and we are seeking to have that position expanded to full time. There is an Eagle Scout proposing chess tables at Arbor Park. Lori Spielman mentioned that the Town will be acquiring property off Kibbe Road for a disc golf course.
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Finance: First meeting March 14, 2024
 - B. Maintenance: None
 - C. Operations: T. Boscarino will be reviewing the revised version of the commission policies and will have changes ready for the commission to review at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Poulin Project: We are waiting for the contractor to finish the repairs needed before opening the deck hockey rink.
- B. Athletic Field Lighting Project: The project is to begin May 3rd.
- C. Master Plan: Mr. Huguenin provided the survey results from the 450 individuals who participated in the survey. Weston & Sampson will be present during the Town's Earth Day event and will have two specs for both the Tedford Park and Crystal Lake proposed projects for the community to view and ask questions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Youth Basketball Complaint/Concern: Commission member C. Murphy brought to the attention of the commission complaints from basketball coaches who reached out to her regarding no championship game playoffs.

X. ADJOURN

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 9:02PM.

Submitted by:


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