

# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Parks and Recreation Commission

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting April 10, 2024  
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way  
Virtual option available

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice - Chairman Thomas Boscarino, Tara Kozik, Sherry Kraus, Cynthia Costanzo, Christopher Weitz and Kevin Hayes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation, Mary M. Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation and Kevin Barrett, Recreation Coordinator

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice- Chairperson Thomas Boscarino called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting  
MOVED (KRAUS) SECONDED (HAYES) AND PASSED WITH C. WEITZ & C. COSTANZO ABSTAINING, TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**  
Recreation Director Dustin Huguenin reported that we are now focusing on our spring sports of Lacrosse (180 KIDS) and Soccer (300 KIDS) and are gearing up for our summer programming. The EMS field has been lined for lacrosse this season due to the Windermere School construction. The Community Garden plots have been tilled and are getting prepared for occupancy for the 2024 season. Our Summer Day Camps have been relocated to Crystal Lake School due to the Windermere construction. The Little Knights and Summer Knights camps will be running an 8-week program from June 24 – August 16<sup>th</sup> and are both currently at 50% capacity. We are also offering a Teen Adventure Camp, that will be held one week in July and in August. We plan on opening the Crystal Lake Sandy Beach facility for Memorial Day Weekend pending staff and weather availability. The Recreation Department will also be offering summer sports camps provided by the Ellington High School Basketball and Soccer coaches. As part of our Earth Day celebration on April 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a representative from Weston & Sampson, the company who is currently working on the Crystal Lake and Tedford Park Master Plan proposal. Residents will have the opportunity to view and ask questions regarding the proposed projects. Baseball is building a new press box and batting cage at Tedford Park on field M2. Dustin also mentioned that the departments now have access to a Town credit card for purposes of transactions for supplies, tournaments, equipment, vendors etc. and lastly, we have submitted our budget which includes expanding the vacant part-time Recreation Assistant position to full-time.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance: Budget meetings are ongoing.
- B. Maintenance: DPW is working hard on having the fields ready for spring sports at both Tedford and Pinney Fields.
- C. Operations: T. Boscarino is requesting that the new policy document be formally adopted and approved by the Commission at the next meeting on May 8, 2024.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Poulin Project: The contractor is scheduled to test the concrete within the next week or two on the deck hockey rink.
- B. Athletic Field Lighting Project: The project is to begin May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- C. Master Plan: 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: None**

**X. ADJOURN**

MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:00PM.

Submitted by:

  
Mary M. Bartley