

**NORTHWESTERN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 27, 2024**

Meeting opened at 6:30pm; NWL SD Admin room

NRC Meeting Dates	2024
31-Jan-24	
28-Feb-24	
27-Mar-24	
24-Apr-24	
29-May-24	
26-Jun-24	
31-Jul-24	
28-Aug-24	
25-Sep-24	
30-Oct-24	
25-Nov-24	(monday)
December	(no mtg)

1 Roll Call of Board Members	Present	Absent
Todd Hernandez	X	
Richard Bleiler	X	
Steve Bachman	X	
Ron Jerdon	X	
Mike Divers	X	
Jim Hughes	X	
Todd Leiser		X

Guests (Name)	Group	Subject
Rachel Blayle	NITC	NITC
Don Billig	NITC	NITC
Rob Thompson	EHD	Insurance

1 Approval of Agenda March 27, 2024  
 Motion by: Ron J Seconded by: Jim H  
 Comments: Approved

2 Approval of Minutes February 28, 2024  
 Motion by: Jim H Seconded by: Ron J  
 Comments: Approved

Approval of Treasurers

3 Reports and Additional Bills March 27, 2024  
 Motion by: Steve B Seconded by: Jim H  
 Comments: Approved

4 Facilities requests:  
 who / what date(s) / time(s) feilds/pavilions special requests  
 a N/A  
 Motion by:  
 Comments:

**GUESTS:**

1 EHD INSURANCE Broker Rob Thompson  
 Insurance Proposal 2023 \$10,619  
 2024 \$10,024 potato barn removed, (skate park not included)  
 reviewed coverages, liabilities etc  
 volunteer medical NOT covered, approx \$750/year  
 feilds themselves not covered, very expensive

skate park - always had a skate 'area', but now permanent structures so official 'skate park'  
 - high liability, needed to 'shop around' to find carrier  
 - \$18,645 - additional insurer for skate park coverage ONLY  
 - discussed that we are a quasi-governmental entitiy, and should have governmental immunity (parks and rec)  
 - discussed assessment appeal, will forward results to Rob  
 - discussed 'use at own risk' signage - want verbage from solicitor if used

proposal on hold - Rob requested documentation defining rec comm as govt entity, and will take back to insurers to discuss govt immunity,  
 - Expects to get back to us next month, guarantees coverage will not expire under current policy  
 - possibility of reduced proposal due to govt immunity

1 Night in the Country: Rachel Blayle, Don Billing Aug 17 2024, rain date Aug 18.  
 - rachel's cell - 508-332-0623  
 - fire police want to come to future mtg to ask questions  
 - discussed remote parking, golf course, churches, shuttle services

- Beer/alcohol garden - Justin Smith to be coordinator  
 - instead of back field, have at entrance along existinng fencing, 1 entrance 1 exit  
 - keep it simple first year, tap truck, beer wine spirits, coordinator to decide  
 - 9pm cutoff

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- fee same as other vendor, 20% gross sales,
  - extra expenses paid by vendor (lights/security etc)
  - Rec Comm provides extra fence, 2 extra porta potties inside fence
  - 'additional insured' certificates required
  - coordinate setup w/ Tony Werley support
  - more startup cash needed, ran out last year.
  - want entrance tickets to track \$\$, one color adults/over 12, another color under 12, 3 and under free
  - tickets will track attendance and money, no check/balance before
  - lynn twp will again order supplies (trash bags, paper products etc)
  - requested full accounting of 2023 NITC (talk to kathy for details)
- Lowhill in charge this year
  - Money
  - final accounting of NITC

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1 Field maintenance: Jim Hughes
  - fence repairs - one section fixed, another 50 ft need. \$865 - Motion by Steve B, 2nd by Mike D. Passed
  - skate park signage - Skate at own risk, \$225 for 4x8 sign - hold off until insurance settled
  - pickleball court - nets installed, ITS OPEN for use! Need better cameras over pickle ball area.
  - fields - jim to get infield mix, NYAA has always paid 1/2
  - pavilian garage door - \$2744 for new new and opener, 12x8. Motion - steve B, 2nd - Richard B, approved
  - Flag Pole lights - Dave Wright will get to it when available
  - spring sports season - Upper soccer field closed for reseeding. Will open when ready

3 NRC Rhythm:

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>January</b>                       | status     |
| a Reorganization                     | complete   |
| b NITC - golf cart pre-pay           | authorized |
| c NITC - approve band                | TBD        |
| d Yearly park insurance renewal      | TBD        |
| <b>February</b>                      |            |
| a Set date for spring walk around    |            |
| b Discuss spray program for the year |            |
| c Down payment of fireworks          |            |
| d Insurance review                   |            |

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1 Food Pavilian
  - Jim restated his dissatisfaction with food pavilion not being used
  - a lot of money being lost due to not being used, need volunteer REQUIREMENTS

**COMMUNICATION / SHARING:**

- 1 Jim Hughes: - need cold patch in areas, will contact kevin H
- 2 NYAA: n/a
- 3 Board member sharing: n/a

**Adjournment:**

9:05 PM

Motion by: Jim H                      Seconded by: Mike D  
 Comments: approved

<b><u>NRC Board 2024</u></b>		
Member at Large:		Jim Hughes
Lynn Twp:		Ron Jerdon
NWL School Director:	(2024 President)	Todd Hernandez
Heidelberg Twp:	(2024 Secretary)	Steve Bachman
Weisenberg Twp:	(2024 Vice President)	Richard Bleiler
Lowhill Twp:		Mike Divers
NWL School Director:		Todd Leiser