

# MINUTES

Woburn Recreation Commission

Date/Time: 12/1/2022

@6:31pm Meeting called to order by Kevin Lonergan

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## **In Attendance:**

Kevin Lonergan, Maura Embler, Paul Tobin, Michael Martini, Brian Nagle, Jim DeLong.

Kevin made a motion to suspend the regular order of business in regards to hearings; Maura Embler seconded.

## **Hearings:**

*Field Permit:* Michelle Greene and Paul Greene - Tanner Pride Softball Tournament: August 4th-6th Library both fields, Gonzales both fields, veterans, Gonzales 3-9 Saturday Sunday 8-6, 8-4pm veterans and Gonzales Sunday Kevin Lonergan asked- how many teams; about 30-40 teams. Three age groups. They have been running this tournament for about 23 years, and are aware of the parameters needed for use at the fields. Michael asked if there were other conflicts, and there are not. Paul made a motion to approve of the Tanner Pride Softball Tournament, Martini seconded; passed unanimously.

*Field Permit:* Jim Doherty & Ed Maguire - AAU Softball Tournaments May 19th, 20th, 21st, June 23, 24th, & 25th - U14 and U18 bracket; looking to have 24 teams between both age brackets. Looking to use Library and Gonzalez Fields; both fields. Brian will need to double check the field availability for those specific dates.. Paul Tobin made a motion to approve the May 19th-21st tournament, as long as dates are cleared for scheduling, and will be tabled until the January meeting. Michael Martini made a motion to table the meeting, and it was seconded by Maura Embler. All agreed unanimously.

Michael Martini made a motion to return back to the agenda, seconded by Paul Tobin and Maura Embler.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Paul Tobin to approve the minutes of the November 2022 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Maura Embler; approved unanimously..

## **Approval of Bills:**

A motion was made by Paul Tobin to approve the Recreation bills for the month of November 2022; seconded by Maura Embler; approved unanimously.

Paul Tobin made a motion to approve the Park Departments bills for the month of November 2022. Motion was seconded by Michael Martini; motion passed unanimously.

## **Communications:**

*Field Permit -* Guy Cafarella: 5/19-5/21 Library, Gonzalez, and Veterans for Softball Tournaments. Guy has been holding these tournaments for several years, and has submitted his Field Permit application. Paul Tobin asked about needing to get referees. Maura asked about field availability specifically with High School Softball needing to use the fields. Brian is going to reach out to Jim Duran to see about the conflicts with High School teams needing them. Paul made a motion to approve Guy Cafarella's Eastern Mass Panthers Softball Tournament contingent upon field availability for May 19th - 21st, Michael Martini tabled this request; approved unanimously.

*Director's report:* Kevin asked about the skates coming into the O'Brien Rink to be used for Open Skate. The first Open Skate had a great crowd, and most of the rental skates were used. Kevin asked about monitoring people's usage of the skates, in the case of people walking out with the skates. Maura suggested labeling the skates for ownership of the Woburn Recreation Department. Paul asked about indoor pickleball. Brian explained that Woburn Rec has an employee for Check-in and donation. This is an "Open court," meaning that these groups are on four courts and rotate around each court.

A motion was made by Paul Tobin to file the communication; seconded by Maura Embler; passed unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business:**

### **Capital Projects**

Jim DeLong discussed his summer and how great his team worked. He mentioned that no high school aged kids applied for the summer Parks Department work this summer. Jim also brought up that he has three trucks that did not pass inspection, and is still awaiting a dump truck that was ordered fourteen-months ago. Supply chain issues are also impacting the maintenance and equipment aspects of the Parks Department. Jim explained that 88-acres of land are maintained by five workers, and his concerns about failing equipment.

Brian transitioned into the Skate Park development project. Kevin attended the meeting, and gave some feedback. The meeting was conducted to be interactive where the crowd was able to provide feedback over which equipment and design model they liked. Location for the Skate Park has not been determined. Paul asked about next steps, which will come up in January.

### **Open Space & Recreation Plan**

No new information at this time.

### **Winter Programs**

Recreation Basketball has started this week, received t-shirts, and started their practices. EVO Basketball Skills & Drills sessions came into practice. Painting class, Christmas Ornaments, and Yoga at Spence Farm; many programs going. Bouncing Beans play groups have started, and there are 5 more programs that will be running after the new year. Paul asked about Continuing Ed programs. New cameras have been added to Spence Farm.

### **New Business:**

No new business at this time.

### **Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting will be January 5, 2023.

Michael Martini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm, seconded by Paul Tobin; passed unanimously.