

WELLESLEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 12, 2013

6 pm at Warren Building

Attending:

Mr. Wrobel, Mr. Burt, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Chin, Mr. Ryder, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Kaseta.

Guest: Mr. Capozzi (Advisory)

Business:

Minutes from October 21, 2013 were approved.

Motion: By Mr. Burt to approve minutes from October 21, 2013

Seconded: By Mr. Sheehan

Vote: All in favor

Discussion: Programs & Facilities:

- Mr. Wrobel informed the Commission that he and Mr. Chin met with a vendor who will install and breakdown three ice skating rinks at Hunnewell Field. Mr. Wrobel and Mr. Burt will be soliciting donations to offset the cost of the ice rinks and set up.

Motion: By Mr. Burt to approve \$10,000 to purchase and install & breakdown three ice skating rinks, contingent upon making storage available for the materials.

Seconded: By Mr. Sheehan

Vote: All in favor

- Mr. Wrobel is having Mrs. Kaseta draft a letter to the School Business Department asking them to outline all the building users and their specific rental & custodial fees.

Morses Pond Beach Summer 2014:

Discussion of changes, improvements and ideas for Morses Pond 2014.

Early Season Ideas:

- Open 2nd Wednesday in June
- Open Memorial Day weekend (weekends only until 2nd Wed. in June)
- Docks in immediately – only need to train for one EAP
- Don't charge a fee/open bathhouse/rent boats Memorial Day weekend & following weekend
- Minimize number of people on early season weekends by moving jersey barriers to block off part of the parking lot.
- Open beach to only Wellesley residents for early season, or resident and non-resident tag holders with resident only daily fee (no non-residents daily fee).
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In Season:

- Toddler rope – remove except inside the H dock
- Red rope – closer to the drop off
- Change swim test to anyone 5 feet and under
- One test – pass the whole test and you can swim deep water/ partial pass (must determine what that means) and you can use the slide – two different wrist bands.
- Move the slide to center dock so release is in more shallow water; younger kids could use it more; may require additional guards.
- How to make the pond “fun” – large inflatable water play structure, splash pads
- Close 3rd Sunday in August
- Stay open until Labor Day / just open gate for Labor Day
- Volleyball League – try to attract businesses in town to form teams for a league.
- To be discussed next meeting: raising salaries, pricing (tags, daily fees and family tag fee)

At the next meeting, Mr. Chin would like to have a discussion about beach tags, family tags and daily fee pricing. He would also like to discuss raising the hourly wage for lifeguards.

Citizen Speak:

None

Next Meeting:

The next Commission meeting will be Monday, November 18.

Motion: To adjourn by Mr. Burtt
Seconded: Mr. Sheehan
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Kaseta

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