

Woodstock Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019

Present: Anthony Pezzetti (Director), Crystal Adams, Sarah Bentley, Marie Chamberlin, Amy Monahan, Erika Cornelius Smith

Guest: Fraser Brooks

Next meeting: October 7, 2019 @ 7:00P (Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room C)

Meeting called to order by Director Pezzetti at 7:01PM.

No meeting minutes to approve.

1. Recreation Director Report

Director Pezzetti provided an update on the status of current programs, upcoming programs, past events, and possible future programs to members of the Woodstock Recreation Commission (WRC).

Current Programs:

Summer Yoga 2 – 15 people registered

Squirt Soccer – 3 teams, 27 kids; Woodstock Academy teams are assisting with the program when available.

Upcoming Programs:

WMS/WES Kids Yoga – No sign-ups to date. Resend or verify distribution of flyer to generate interest

HIIT – 2 sessions will be offered this fall with schedule times during the day

Adult Basketball – will begin September 16th and continue throughout the school year

Dog Obedience Training – 2 sessions will be offered and will take place at the soccer field at Senexet Village

Adult Volleyball – will be offered on Tuesdays this fall

Youth Intro to Golf – Will take place at Raceways, a 4-week program beginning on the 16th in partnership with Thompson Rec Department

W.R.E.C.K After School Program – Brandy Labonte will offer at WMS beginning September 19th.

Quilting – A six week session will be offered beginning September 19th; given scheduling conflicts (holidays), the program will skip a few weeks and end December 5th.

Adult Fall Yoga

Babysitter Training Course – pursuing another offering for November, possibly in partnership with Thompson Rec Department.

NYC Bus Trip – Scheduled for November 30th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The cost will be \$44/person and the trip will depart from the DMV parking lot in Putnam, CT.

Past Events:

Summer Tennis Camps – There were four total sessions with 33 kids participating this year.

Summer Volleyball Camps – 3 clinics were offered for 31 students.

Summer Basketball Camp – 1 session was offered and 10 kids participated. Funds from the program will go toward equipment or expenses related to the upcoming winter basketball session.

Adult Summer Yoga – 15 people participated in each session, which rotated between Town Hall and the WMS Cafeteria depending on availability of space.

Summer Concerts – in the process of previewing acts for next year; all 3 2019 dates were held without rain cancellations

Town Beach – Began closing down (constabulary, maintenance) Labor Day weekend; committee members noted there appeared to be less run-off and sand erosion this year.

Possible Programs:

The Director proposed for discussion new program offerings that included a photo/art exhibition, where community can submit photos of Woodstock to post on website; a Winter Festival to connect local business and community organizations on a celebratory community day; senior programming (Arts/Crafts, Cards, Speakers, Walking Program, Clinics (Flu/Blood Pressure), Ellis Tech or Bay Path Lunch Program).

The Committee discussed the “Winter Festival” concept extensively and plans to coordinate with members of the Woodstock Business Association on the event. Marie Chamberlin provide sample materials from similar celebrations hosted in other communities and Fraser Brooks shared ideas that could support and accommodate local small businesses. Members of WRC and WBA will continue to collaborate on planning for the event, which the committees hope to offer during the first week of December 2019.

2. Discussion and Citizen Comments

Commissioner Bentley shared a request with the WRC committee to select a member to represent WRC on the "Open Space Land Acquisition" Committee. Commissioner Amy Monahan expressed interest in the position. Commissioner Bentley motioned to nominate Commissioner Monahan for the position of WRC representative to the Open Space Land Acquisition committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously approved by members of the WRC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02P.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Cornelius Smith, September 16, 2019.