

**WESTON RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2019, 7:00 PM  
WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Members Present:** Eric Rosenthal (chair) Xinsheng Zhu, Elly Pendergast, Victoria Whalen, Marcy Dorna

**Absent:** Matt Schulman, Melissa Crocker

**Staff:** Chris Fitzgerald (Director), Sharon Locke (Assistant Director)

**Resident Comments:** No resident comments

**The minutes from March 28, 2019 were reviewed and approved.**

**Field Signage Guideline**

**Chris Fitzgerald**

The Recreation Commission considered guidelines for analyzing future requests for sponsorship signs on fields. Discussion involved color, size, location and consistency among criteria for review. The Recreation Commission also wants to visually approve where a sign is placed and has the right to change their decision on the sign if the design is changed upon installation. Mr. Fitzgerald will amend the policy and send it out for Recreation Commission for feedback.

**Town Meeting Warrant – Recreation Commission position on CPC articles**

**Chris Fitzgerald**

**Article 23**-The presentation on Article 23 was made to the Recreation Commission by the traffic and sidewalk committee in December 2018. It proposed sidewalks on Ash Street winding into the Case Estates. The Recreation Commission voted unanimously to support this project. Ms. Dorna volunteered to be prepared to speak at Town Meeting on behalf of Recreation Commission if needed.

**Case Campus Sewage Treatment Feasibility Study**

**Chris Fitzgerald**

Updates were reported by Mr. Fitzgerald from several of the user groups of Case Campus. The library has looked into expanding in the past and has a definite need to expand. The Brook School Apartments have their own septic system part from Case Campus so the study really does not affect them although they could chose to tie into it. Land Sake did not weigh in on the idea although they have been looking into adding indoor space. Schools were also invited to

this meeting but no representative was present. The Board of Health will be waiting for the master plan reports from the COA and the Recreation Department.

### **Recreation Master Plan Study**

**Chris Fitzgerald**

A second survey will be going out which will be shorter than the first survey and will be drilling into the facility findings of the previous survey in more detail. Mr. Rosenthal would like to review any results that have to do with the Memorial Pool.

### **Rail Trail**

**Eric Rosenthal**

At the last Rail Trail meeting there was continued discussion over benches. The SWAG Team of Weston did a great job with cleanup of the rail trail on Earth Day. The work on the Conant Road underpass has begun. It will take about six weeks to build the tunnel. The Recreation Commission would like to be involved in the opening ceremony and would like to take some ownership of the trail and programs on the trail. A potential idea would be a 5K run/walk in the early fall.

### **CPC Board Representation**

**Eric Rosenthal**

Mr. Rosenthal spoke to Selectman Chris Houston about having a Recreation Commissioner appointed to CPC in the Parkland position. This is a position that is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Rosenthal reported that Mr. Houston is receptive to this idea and expressed willingness to approach this topic with the Board of Selectmen, but wanted to know which Commissioner would be willing to do it. Ms. Dorna indicated she would be willing to do it.

### **Case Campus Traffic**

**Chris Fitzgerald & Elly Pendergast**

Mr. Fitzgerald met with the fire and police over the Case Campus traffic issues. The fire and police told him go to the schools department and the school department sent him to facilities. Mr. Fitzgerald asked facilities for temporary speed bumps. The facilities department is not opposed to temporary speed bumps. The Recreation Department along with the COA is trying to locate some within town to put down. If none can be located they will then look into purchasing some. Ms. Pendergast would also like to explore having a yellow line painted in the road in front of the Community Center.

### **General Program Update**

**Chris Fitzgerald**

- Overall afterschool programming is up 12% over last year.
- Day camp registration drew in \$100,000 more in the month of March than last year in March.
- Overall Day Camp registration has been steady; the Bonus Week is already filled.

- MR. Fitzgerald and Ms. Locke are looking into play structures for the sand box at the Memorial Pool to help add play value.

#### **New Business**

- Mr. Rosenthal would like to see the Recreation Department extend a hand out to the Metco program and personally invite the METCO Families to take part in recreation programming. He suggested offering scholarships or a discounted pool badge rate. Mr. Fitzgerald will reach out a Weston resident he knows who works with METCO and is very involved in recreation programming with her own family.
- Mr. Rosenthal would like to see more advertising within the Weston community regarding the pool sponsorship membership program.

**Next Meeting; Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 7:30 AM at the Community Center**

**Motion: Motion made to adjourn the meeting**

*Moved: Mr. Rosenthal, Second: Ms. Pendergast*

***Meeting Adjourned***