



Town of Ridgefield Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

UNAPPROVED

PRESENT: P. Kearns, B. Dobbin, E. Bottali, P. Nichols, D. DiPinto, E. Cipolla, B. Schneider, A. Platt

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Evie Bottali made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Barbara Dobbin. Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

(1) non-speaking guest - Karen Sulzinsky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barbara Dobbin Motion made by to approve the May minutes. Seconded by Evie Bottali. Motion carried 4-0.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Eileen Cipolla provided the monthly financial report. Projected revenue and expenses are on-target.

BUSINESS UPDATES

Chairman's Report – Phil Kearns

- Reappointed at the June 1st BOS meeting for another 3-year term
- Mr. Schneider asked Mr. Kearns if there was any discussion at the June 1st BOS meeting re: school playgrounds. There was discussion around extra funds BOE has available to spend on playgrounds.

Director's Report – Dennis DiPinto

- Met with the Ridgefield Community Kindergarten who is searching for a new space to run their program. After some careful consideration, it was determined we do not have the available space at the Recreation Center.
- Took a meeting with Brian Armstrong from the Ridgefield Father's Club to discuss a proposal for a dedicated meeting space.
- Met with Jake Muller about some of the P&R capital budget projects, including:



Tennis/Basketball court resurfacing and the Barlow Mtn Pool repairs. Barlow Mtn Pool project requires additional funding.

- Camp revenue will be down slightly in 2022 compared to years past. There's one less week of camp this summer.
- Completed online CRPA course to keep CEUs current
- Participated in monthly SPIF meeting
- Attended monthly revenue meeting at Town Hall
- Leadership coaching sessions continue with myself and members of the supervisory staff
- Participated in the EOC emergency drill in May

Marketing & Programs – Dennis DiPinto provided update on behalf of Kathy Fassman

- Summer brochures were mailed to residents on June 17
- Memberships continue to do well
- Working on developing fall/winter programs

Asst. Director Parks – Bob Schneider

- Two new memoriam benches were added along the walking trail last week.
- Town has upgraded parking lot lighting to LEDs; Exterior and Interior of the Rec Center will be next.
- Fireworks still on schedule for July 9 (rain date of July 10); Tiger Hollow will be tarped to protect the new turf.
- Completed some repairs to the playground surface at Ballard Park and Rec Center this week
- CHIRP concerts are underway for the season in Ballard Park.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing, Promotions & Membership – Evie Bottali

Covered under Marketing report

Aquatics & Programs – Barbara Dobbin

Nothing new to report

Budget & Policy – Phil Kearns

Nothing new to report

Buildings & Grounds (B&G) – Phil Kearns provided update on behalf of David Shofi

Nothing new to report

Special Services, Community Outreach and Customer Experience – Kim Hulber

Nothing new to report.



Strategic Planning & Annual Goals – Phil Kearns

Nothing new to report, but will continue to work with D. DiPinto on strategic goals.

No New Business

With no further business, Phil Kearns moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Barbara Dobbin seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.