

Board of Recreation Meeting  
Monday, March 25, 2024  
Community Center  
6:00pm

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Elizabeth M. Wilson

1. Call to Order: M. Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:00
2. Roll Call: Present: F. Beriau, H. Blade, V. Carter B. Lohbusch, M. Lehoux, L. Zornado, T. Wakefield T. Giambattista, M. Hayes, M. Phillips, M. Lehoux,  
Absent with notifications: K. Mahan
3. Citizen's Participation: NA
4. Correspondence: NA
5. Adoption of Minutes: Motion was made by F. Beriau, second by H. Blade. No further discussion, all in favor passed unanimously. Abstain: L. Zornado, M. Phillips, T. Wakefield
6. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Westfield Ave. update: Bids are coming in for Westfield upgrades. The goal for completion of the project is July 1, 2025. M. Phillips asked if the theater portion of the project will be completed by that date as well.
7. RWB: Current we have received \$8400. in sponsorships. Still waiting for potential title sponsorships.
8. New Business:
  - a. Joyce Ricci pavilion: The pavilion project at Owen Bell is completed. Currently waiting for signage. Soon invitations will be sent out for a ribbon cutting.
  - b. Scoreboard: The Desaulnier family has generously donation \$7985. for the cost of a new scoreboard to be placed on the Ben Desonier ball field.
  - c. Pond dredging: The dredging of the pond at the Owen Bell Park location is slated for August 1, 2024. The area will be closed and fenced until the project is completed.
  - d. Splashpad/Sun shelters: these items are part of capital expenditures and will hopefully be completed this year.
  - e. Pickleball Courts will go out to bid again and additional money for cost is in place for these to be completed at Westfield.

9. Director's Report:

- a. Camp Wallaby: Camp will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>-Aug 9<sup>th</sup> . Camp Wallaby will be located at the KIS school with enrollment available for 120 campers. Currently we have \$4250. available for assistance to campers.
- b. Upcoming Events:
  - i. Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> , the department with Westfield Church, and the Killingly Public Library will be hosting ***The Incredible Killingly Egg Hunt*** at Davis Park from 10-12:00.
  - ii. Bike Rodeo: April 20<sup>th</sup> @ Owen Bell 11:00am
  - iii. Summer Concerts: This year the department has added ***The Jeep Invasion*** to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> concert. It will be a special concert as a celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> with food vendors, jeeps, and the band ***Red Light***.
  - iv. RWB, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ Owen Bell Park: The band Heavy Hitters will be the entertainment bringing lots of energy to the crowd.
  - v. Budget Review: The recreation budget has been completed and submitted. Discussion took place reviewing topics for the department. A grant has been submitted for a new screen and projector for the Westfield Ave site.
  - vi. Little Theater on Broad St: H. Blade reports past events have had great success.
    - 1. Cupid Singing Telegrams
    - 2. Valentine Cabaret
    - 3. Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory
    - 4. Coming Events! ***Willy Wonka: April 5<sup>th</sup> -April 14<sup>th</sup>*** (weekends only). Also included is a ***Sensory Friendly show April 13<sup>th</sup> @12:00***. Looking ahead ***Steal Magnolia July 7<sup>th</sup> -July 16<sup>th</sup>*** (weekends only). New to our theater, ***Night at the Fenton, May 16<sup>th</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup>*** (weekends only).

10. Liaison Report: T. Wakefield reports on upcoming meetings:

- a. April 6<sup>th</sup>, regular Town Meeting
- b. April 11<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on budgets
- c. May 14<sup>th</sup> Town Vote

11. Other:

12. Adjourn: Motion made by F, Beriau, second by M. Lehoux. No further discussion, meeting adjourned.