

# Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

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Monday, April 8, 2024

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Sarah Bentley called meeting to order 7:00 pm
  - a. Members Present: Recreation Director Erin Lucas, Amy Monahan, Sue Swan, Sarah Bentley, Marie Chamberlin
  - b. Members Absent: Kathy LaBonte
  - c. Others Present: None
  
2. **Approve Minutes from Meeting on March 11, 2024**
  - a. A **\*Motion** was made by Sarah Bentley to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on March 11, 2024. **\*Seconded** by Sue Swan. No Discussion. **\*Motion passed** with 2 abstaining (Bentley & Chamberlin).
  
3. **Recreation Director Report**
  - a. Current/Recent programs:
    - i. Team Up to Clean Up
      1. Numbers are low for participation this year. Please consider joining this program and participating in cleaning up our Woodstock Roads. Encourage others as well.
  - b. Upcoming Programs:
    - i. Nature Club
      1. This program will be held in the boat house at Roseland starting April 22<sup>nd</sup> for grades 4-8
      2. Currently 11 registered out of the 12 spots for the program. Randy Jo Salvas and Rachael MacLagan will present the first week all about Roseland Park. Followed by TLGV Rangers presenting about animals and Nancy Adams presenting about gardens at Roseland Park.
    - ii. Squirt Soccer
      1. Registration is open with over 60 already signed up to be led by 10 coaches. Program starts in mid-April.
    - iii. Road Race
      1. Registration is open for this event. The logo has been chosen. Erin Lucas has started promotion for the race and will push the event further in the month of April.
    - iv. Beach Party
      1. Members of Triple Double will be at the beach party again this year on June 29<sup>th</sup>
      2. Details are being finalized for this summer kickoff event. 30 for 30 will be participating.
      3. There will be many family games and activities available including badminton, cornhole, jumbo connect 4 and more!
    - v. Bus Trips
      1. Some suggestions have been sent to Erin Lucas. She will create a survey to get public input and is meeting with the new Pomfret Recreation Director to discuss joint trips.
    - vi. Tennis
      1. Pomfret will let us use the courts again this year and Sianna Goodall will coach again this year. Erin is currently working on scheduling for this program.
    - vii. Golf
      1. Golf programs are in the works but impacted by the late opening of the Woodstock Golf Course this year because of wet weather.

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- c. Discussion: New or Old Business, budget
  - i. Sponsor Update
    - 1. Taylor Brooke is our newest Bronze Sponsor. Thank you!
  - ii. Town Beach Bathrooms: This project is still in planning phases with Elis Tech.
    - 1. Bathrooms (renovation, ongoing maintenance)
      - a. Erin Lucas presented materials and labor numbers calculated by Ellis Tech to the commission for review.
        - i. Commission members have been asked to think about local construction businesses for donations to reduce material costs
        - ii. Erin Lucas proposes to take remaining costs after donations from the Recreation Fund. All members present unanimously agree to use Recreation Funds.
      - b. Work could start on this project early in May.
    - 2. Beach/Bathroom Passes (security)
      - a. Bathroom passes will be access by barcode that will have set hours to access the facilities. This process is still being defined.
        - i. The commission agrees that bathroom passes are great for limiting access to Woodstock residents and self-funding for the cleaning and maintenance of the bathrooms.
          - 1. Erin Lucas will look into NEPS for the cleaning services.
          - 2. The commission agrees that seasonal passes will be priced at \$20 per season.
  - iii. Tennis Courts
    - 1. Funds have been approved by Board of Finance for the Tennis Courts project. Erin Lucas is working on getting quotes for the project with help from the Highway Department. All contracts must be finalized by December of this year because ARPA funds will be used.
  - iv. Winter Festival
    - 1. Mark Allard on behalf of the Woodstock Fair Grounds has expressed interest in holding a Christmas event. The Recreation Commission discussed how this would impact the Winter Festival (and other community events).
      - a. Winter Festival is an established event the promotes local community. The Recreation Commission in in agreement that the Winter Festival needs to remain a community event.

## 4. Citizens Comments

- a. Woodstock Recreation will be the Woodstock Business Expo this Saturday from Noon to 4 pm at The Loos Center for the Arts. Stop by to learn more about upcoming summer programs and more!
- b. Amy Monahan presented a proposal for Senior Open House to the Commission for review.

## 5. Adjournment

- a. **\*Motion** made Sarah by to Adjourn. **\*Seconded** by Sue. **\*The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm.

\*Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.