

Final

Town of Westport
Parks & Recreation
 WESTPORT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
 Longshore Club Park, 260 South Compo Road
 Westport, CT 06880

December 9, 2022

The Westport Parks and Recreation Commission held a Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 7:31 pm. It was held electronically and recorded via Zoom.

Members Present:

David Floyd, Chairman; Elaine Whitney, Alec Stevens, Matthew Haynes

Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

Jennifer Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rick Giunta, Deputy Director; presenters noted in the minutes, along with members of the public.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Elaine Whitney, seconded by Alec Stevens, the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on October 19, 2022, were approved 4-0

2. Public Comment

None

3. Reports of:

Golf Advisory Committee:

Jane Dally, Chair of the GAC, reported that there was a successful wrap up over the last month, with associations completing play and events. The golf course recovered well from the summer, the greens drainage project was completed, and Brad has a winter maintenance plan in place. The GAC did not hold their December meeting.

Jennifer Fava stated the rounds for November were 1,893, the contract with Brightview was extended three years, and the course is closing for the season on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Parks Advisory Committee:

David Floyd, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, reported that the last PAC meeting was cancelled. But highlighted that Riverside Park has reopened.

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Racquets Advisory Committee:

Ward Doonan, member of the RAC, reported they had a meeting on November 14, 2022. Tennis has been shut down, overall, the season went great, but reminded the Parks Department the importance of the calcium chloride. Mr. Doonan reminded the Commission that the RAC is hoping for LED lights at the Longshore tennis courts. Paddle is going great but continues to have issues with only two courts and multiple teams utilizing them. Some new heaters have been installed with the help of Mike West, and the project should be complete the week of the 12th. Indoor pickleball is going well.

4. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve fees for the Longshore Sailing School for the 2023 season.

Jane Pimentel was unable to attend due to an emergency. William Coit, Longshore Sailing School General Manager, filled in for her. He explained the rising costs of running the Sailing school, noting the minimum wage increase, inflation, and shipping costs. The Longshore Sailing School discussed proposed fee changes. There was a brief discussion.

RESOLVED: The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the 2023 Fee Schedule for the Longshore Sailing School as submitted.

Upon a motion moved by David Floyd, seconded by Matthew Haynes, and passed unanimously 4-0.

5. Review of the Longshore Capital Improvement Plan survey and Open House sessions. (Discussion Only)

Gary Sorge of Stantec provided a review of the Open House sessions as well as the results of the accompanying survey. Gary answered questions from the board and from members of the public. There was discussion of creating a hybrid option for Zone 4, and 5.

6. Commissioner's Comments

The Chair and other commissioners had no additional comments.

7. Administrative Report.

Jennifer Fava stated that she did not have anything to add, having reported all updated information during discussion of agenda items. She did remind everyone of the special Commission meeting scheduled for January 11, 2023, and that the Commission is still scheduled to meet for the regular business meeting on January 18, 2023.

Upon a motion by Elaine Whitney, seconded by David Floyd, and passed unanimously the meeting adjourned at 10:46 pm.

Respectfully,
Jamie Boone, Recording Secretary

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<https://www.westportct.gov/government/appointed-boards-a-z/parks-and-recreation-commission/meeting-agenda-and-minutes>