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

March 7, 2024

The Westport Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 @ 7:30 pm. It was held electronically and recorded via zoom.

Members Present:

David Floyd, Chairman; Elaine Whitney, Christine O’Keeffe, Matthew Haynes

Members Absent:

Alec Stevens

Also Present:

Jennifer Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rick Giunta, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; Carmen Roda, Operations Manager; along with members of the public.

1. Approval of minutes:

January 17, 2024

Upon a motion by Elaine Whitney to approve the January 17, 2024, minutes, seconded by David Floyd. Passes 3-0-1, Matthew Haynes abstained as he was not present at the January 17, 2024, meeting.

February 6, 2024

Upon a motion by David Floyd to approve the February 6, 2024, minutes, seconded by Matthew Haynes. Passed unanimously 4-0

2. Public Comment

Multiple members of the public made comments.

3. Reports of:

Golf Advisory Committee: Jane Dally, Chairwoman of the GAC, reported.

Parks Advisory Committee: David Floyd, Chairman of the PRC, reported.

Racquets Advisory Committee: No representative was present.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL BY THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

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

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4. To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to approval of the 2024 Charity Golf Tournaments at Longshore.

- Staples High School Gridiron Club – Jim Adrian presented.
- VFW Post 399 – Phil Delgado presented.
- Westport Police Athletic League – Craig Bergamo presented.
- Longshore Men’s Golf Association – Skip Lane presented.
- Staples Lacrosse Association – Ed Iannone presented.
- Children’s Community Development Center – Eileen Ward presented.
- Westport Wreckers Rugby Club – Jim Adrian presented.

Public Comment: multiple members of the public commented.

Upon a motion made by Elaine Whitney and seconded by Matthew Haynes, passed unanimously 4-0.

RESOLVED: The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the following charity golf outings at Longshore Club Park for the 2024 season subject to dates approved by the Parks and Recreation Director:

Staples High School Gridiron Club
 VFW Post 399
 Westport Police Athletic League
 Friends of Westport Parks and Recreation
 Staples Lacrosse Association
 Children’s Community Development Center
 Staples Rugby Club

In addition, the Parks and Recreation Commission approves waiving the golf cart fees and greens fees for the Friends of Westport Parks and Recreation’s charity golf tournament (Club House Cup) for 2024 and approves waiving the golf cart fees for the VFW Post 399 for 2024.

5. To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to a request from Westport P.A.L. to use Compo Beach for the 2024 town fireworks.

Craig Bergamo, president of the Westport Police Athletic League presented.

Public Comment: Multiple members of the public made comments.

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

RESOLVED: The Parks and Recreation Commission grants approval to the Westport Police Athletic League to host the 2024 Fireworks at Compo Beach on Tuesday, July 2nd, rain date Wednesday, July 3rd. Compo Beach parking lots to close at 4PM and reopen to only fireworks ticket holders. Additionally, entry fee per car is approved at \$50.

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- 6. To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to revising the Pickleball Handpass policy to be consistent with the other racquet sports handpass policies.**

Jennifer Fava and Carmen Roda presented.

Public Comment: Multiple members of the public made comments.

Upon a motion made by Elaine Whitney and seconded by David Floyd, passed unanimously 4-0.

Resolved: The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the clarification of the Handpass policy as proposed. A Parks and Recreation Handpass is required for resident privileges related to the use of the Town of Westport's golf, tennis, platform tennis, pickleball, Longshore Pool and Staples Pool facilities.

- 7. Commissioner's Comments:** Elaine Whitney commented.

- 8. Administrative Report:** Jennifer Fava reported.

Upon a motion by Matthew Haynes, seconded by David Floyd, and passed unanimously 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Respectfully,
Jamie Boone, Recording Secretary