

Wallingford Parks & Recreation Commission

Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

6 Fairfield Blvd. Wallingford

Room 4 Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

- **Call Meeting to Order** John Sullivan Called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Roll Call**

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman John Sullivan, Lori Cooke-Marra, Lars Edeen

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairman Don Crouch, Steve Rossacci

- **Approval of prior meeting(s) minutes (March 27, 2024)**

A motion was made by Lori Cooke-Marra **and seconded by** Lars Edeen to approve the minutes from the March 27 meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous

- **Public Comment (10 minutes)**

- **Update on Lion's Club Tree Donation – John Sullivan**

A tree and location were agreed upon to be placed at Budleski Park. It will be a flowering tree. It will be planted in a safe place and will not be obstructing vision.

- **Update on barrier removal Harrison Park – John Sullivan**

The barrier was removed from the upper level of Harrison Park. Kenny will be talking to the Trails Work Group and they will work on reopening the trail system at Harrison Park. Kenny said that he has an Eagle Scout volunteer that will re-plague the memorial trees. The names on the current plaques are worn off.

- **Dutton Park upgrades – John Sullivan**

Public Works approached the Mayor to approve an RFP to upgrade Dutton Park.

- **Wallace Park Plantings – John Sullivan**

John will start planting next week at Wallace Park. John has a few plant hangers that will go on the pillars. John wants to also get roses for the back fence.

- **Budget proposals/results update – Kenny Michaels**

The new budget will include a new basketball court and two tennis courts at Community Lake Park. Pragemann Park basketball court will also be renovated with ARPA money.

The carpets at the Parks & Rec building are to be replaced. The existing carpets are bubbling because the glue is worn off. New picnic tables are replacing the existing tables at various parks.

A full time Recreation Program Specialist position was denied. This position would have focused on adaptive recreational programs, as well as Health and Fitness and Summer Camp programs.

A part-time Maintainer was approved.

- **Director Updates – Kenny Michaels (see attached)**

Next Parks & Recreation Meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Motion to adjourn made by: Lars Edeen **Seconded by** Lori Cooke-Marra **Vote:** Unanimous

Adjourned @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Loriann Ouellette
Wallingford Parks & Recreation