

West Seneca Youth and Recreation Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Community Center- Large Meeting Room, 1300 Union Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224
March 20, 2024
Minutes Draft

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Brian Adams, Matt Bauer, Bob Breidenstein, Lilly Clayson, Marissa Fallacaro_Dougherty, Meichle Latham, Lauren Masset, Michael Smolen, and Tammy Sugrue
There were 3 public attendees including 1 student and Councilman Jeff Piekarec

II. Commission Member Appointment Updates

Lilly Clayson introduced herself. The other members of the commission re-introduced themselves including how they relate to the commission.

III. 2024 Chairperson and Recording Secretary Nominations

Request Recording Secretary from Town- Tammy motioned; Meichle seconded All in favor

Next step: Bob will add to 3.25.24 Board meeting agenda

Tammy nominated to remain chairperson – Meichle motioned; Matt seconded. All in favor

IV. Approval of November 15, 2023 Minutes

11.15.23 Minutes Approved- Tammy motioned; Matt seconded; Meichle to submit to Town

V. Approval of 2023 Annual Report

2023 Annual Report Approved- Meichle motioned; Matt approved; Meichle to submit to Lauren and Bob for filing with Town

Michael's inquiry about budgeted allocations for Rec Commission activities- Bob confirmed that TWSYRC can leverage Developer Funds as needed

VI. Continued Business

Sand volleyball courts update- will start with one court & evaluate value add of a 2nd court
Playgrounds - discussion about upgrading as many playground as possible to leverage lower costs and provide enhanced facilities/accommodations for Town residents

Sunshine

- Demo's done; expect equipment ~ 4-22-24 at which time building will begin
- Target April 27th for a Community Build- Target 20-30 people to help, but will welcome all- 8 hrs total- 2 hr. volunteer blocks
- Goal: May 6th or 7th for opening
- Brian will let the commission know if he needs help with getting Community Build volunteers

Fisher

- Demo to begin next week
- "Road"/path into the playground put in place for equipment. Will remain to accommodate physical access for all
- Target late May/June for a Community Build- Target 20-30 people from the surrounding neighborhoods to help, but will welcome all
- Wood chip-based (plan to lay same day of final playground build)

- Goal: June 2024 for opening
- Tammy and Meichle will take lead on volunteer recruitment (target Fisher community-leverage "Code Red"?), replicating Veterans & Sunshine Playground Community Builds

2025 Playgrounds (with Commission input- on behalf of Town residents)

Harlem Rd

- CDBG application for \$300,000; also requires 50% match of Town

Fireman's

- Envisioning a fireman-themed playground

Dorrance

2026 Brian will continue to assess playground conditions and make recommendations

CPL update- Bob

- Survey open through end of March
- Compiled results and analysis expected mid-April?

Commission Activities

- Trivia night
- * Recap of Feb event
- * Encouraged Rec Dept to consider taking lead; Lauren noted Rec Dept supporting Rec Commission as lead
- Movie night- Lauren is exploring
- Scavenger Hunt- target a Saturday in July- Tammy will connect with Amelia about other town activities to avoid conflicts
- On Your Way to K? 8.21.24
- National Night Out? 8.6.24?
- "A Walk in the Park"- encouraging exploration of parks via TW Service Orgs (WS Chamber interest) sponsoring walks and activities at parks with paths to accommodate physical access for all; Opportunity to raise awareness about community business, partners and business orgs; Meichle and Lily (Tammy assist) will take lead to move forward

"Public Comment"- no change to location in agenda

Rec Dept

- * Lifeguard appointments at 3.25.24 Board meeting
- * Planning 2 dances (6th-8th grade)- will see how they go to determine future frequency

WSE & WSW have added Lifeguard as an elective class for Fall 2024

Pool's expected to open ~ June 27th or 28th & close ~end of Aug

In process of establishing fee collection process and cash and cashless mechanisms, as well as process by which to decipher residents from non-residents (e.g. wristbands?)

Pool fees recommendation- Bob to present for March 25th Board meeting

- * No charge for residents and children under 2
- * Students with WS school IDs
- * Discontinue One guest at no charge option
- * Non-residents @ \$5/visit