**Park and Recreation Commission**

Minutes of the Meeting

**July 15, 2020**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:32pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**  George Caye, Genevieve Coursey, Ritu Goel, Michael LeBlanc, Toby Lewis, Bill Nowak, Renee Powell, and John Pelkey.

**Also in Attendance:** Erica Evans, Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, and Kerry Macchi

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Toby and seconded by Renee to approve the June 10th minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** Dr. Richard Fu was present at the meeting to propose a plan from the Hunger Action Team. He asked the commission for a plot of land to start hydroponic farming in South Windsor. It was ultimately decided that the commission needed more information and a proposal before moving forward.

**Report of Council Liaison:** Erica Evans thanked the commission forall their hard work on the Master Plan and for coming up with an update to present to the council. She is appreciative that all questions have been able to be explained and she looks forward to the presentation to the council.

**Special Reports:** No additional reports.

**OSTF**: No updates to report, as neither George or John were present at the last meeting.

**Report of the B of E Liaison:**  None due to the absence of the liaison.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Director:** Ray provided updates on the following:

* A plan was approved to go back to full Parks staff on a staggered time schedule and Rec staff with necessary office precautions in order to get things back up and running.
* Our day camps are at two separate locations and running successfully.
* Specialty camps have started as well, with smaller group sizes than previous years.
* Tennis lessons are booming and easy to run, because of the naturally limited number of participants.
* Veterans Memorial Park Pool opened on July 6th.
* Our summer concert series is running virtually, being livestreamed from Telefunken Soundstage here in South Windsor!
* Free Friday Flicks are showing three times this summer, drive-in style!

**Other Business:**

With the impending resignation of our Chair of the Park & Rec Commission, Al Larson, the commission discussed a way to honor him, and Mr. Pelkey suggested dedicating the road in between parking lots at VMP in his name. John made a motion to propose this to the Town Council and naming committee. Ritu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**SWW&WW:**  No reports

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:43pm – motion made by Toby Lewis and seconded by George Caye- passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting: September 9, 2020**

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary