

# Walpole Recreation Committee

## Minutes of 3/13/2024

**Members Present:** Scott Rodenhauer (Chair), Diane Harty (Recreation Committee Vice-Chair) and Marilou Blaine, Kraig Harlow (Recreation Director)

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Kim Lewis, Annie Ewaskio, Toni McDougale, and Cheryl Mayberry (Selectboard Liaison).

**6:06 pm:** The Chair started the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and asked Cheryl if she would take the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes were moved by Diane and seconded by Marilou, the minutes were approved unanimously with 3 Yes and 0 No.

**Recreation Committee Members:** The board discussed the pending new committee members. Only one was present: Annie Ewaskio. The other two pending new committee members were unavailable.

**Pickleball:** Kraig reviewed the short-term plan with the group and discussed painting over the existing lines green and relining with white. The estimated painting time frame is planned for mid-April. Kraig will work on getting the paint soon. The long-term plan for the pickleball court was also discussed. Kraig talked about the reasoning behind wanting to expand the court on the eastern side so that the trees could remain on the western side of the court. There was ongoing discussion regarding vendors, quotes, pricing, and the approval process.

**Age in Motion:** There was discussion about the request from the Age in Motion instructor for a pay increase from \$40 to \$45/hr. The instruction time lasts about 1.25 to 1.5 hrs., 2 days per week. Scott made a motion to approve the hourly rate from \$40 to \$45/hr. Diane seconded the motion. Motion approved 2-Yes and 1-No

**Walpole Rec Sports:** There are no spring sports till Summer Baseball and there are residents asking about baseball this year. Scott talked about his involvement with the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League which is not a part of the Walpole Rec program. He is coaching grades 3-6 Girls softball this season.

**Ice Rink:** The equipment needs to dry out and put into storage. Kraig will post online looking for volunteers to assist in getting it put away till next winter.

**Pool:** Marilou verified the membership pricing with Stephanie for the season. Lifeguards are still needed. There was discussion about opening sooner, perhaps in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June? Discussed recruitment ideas, hourly wages and that we raised the minimum and all staffing wages last summer to better compete with neighboring communities.

**Whitcomb Park:** Marilou is still looking into seating/bench options for the park. She is looking at quality and durability at reasonable pricing. She will continue to research options. Kraig talked about a donation of \$2,100 for the missing plaque from Whitcomb's. Trees were removed from the area where the rock is located. There was discussion about having some type of ceremony to replace the plaque. The plaque was originally dated from June 1984.

**North Walpole Park:** Diane had no important updates, just that they are still exploring the south side of the fenced property to potentially put in raised garden beds.

**Drewsville Common:** 2 of this summer's movies will be shown on the Drewsville Common. The tentative schedule is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month with both June and August dates in Drewsville and the July showing will be at North Walpole Park. Kraig will send a link for the committee to help select movies that are either G or PG in ratings.

**Summer Movie Schedule:**

	<b>Showing Date</b>	<b>Rain Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>June</b>	6/21/24	6/28/24	Drewsville Common
<b>July</b>	7/19/24	7/26/24	North Walpole Park
<b>Aug</b>	8/16/24	8/23/24	Drewsville Common

**Next Meeting Date: Friday April 19th, 6 PM**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Cheryl Mayberry