

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of Warren Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held March 25, 2024 at the Warren Town Hall.

Present: Don Murphy, Director

Kathy Andreasen

Kirby Mullen

David Schneiderbeck

Ruth Schnell

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

On motion by Kathy, seconded by Dave, the Board voted to approve the minutes of November 23, 2023.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director reviewed the department's finances.

### WARREN WOODS – Fees Reviewed

The Director reviewed the fees for use of Warren Woods. Currently 1 day rental is \$800 with a security deposit of \$300 for residents, \$1,000 rental and \$3,000 security for non-residents. A suggestion has been made to reduce the resident daily fee to \$500. After discussion, the commission members believed the resident daily fee should remain the same.

### REVIEW OF PROGRAMS

Don Murphy outlined upcoming trips and programs including the New York Botanic Garden/Bronx Zoo, West Point and lunch at Hotel Thayer, Mets/Dodgers Game, Yankees/Red Sox game, Lancaster Pennsylvania trip, Easter Egg Hunt, Longwood Gardens, Carousel Museum, Mystic, Port Jefferson, Coast Guard Academy, Elizabeth Park in Hartford, karaoke nights, western trip. He noted that 50 people have signed up for the western trip.

There is also pickleball on Wednesday and Friday at the Community Center. Don said he would like to set up a pickleball court in the pavilion at Warren Woods. He is also struggling to find lifeguards for the beach this summer. He will also be ordering a new mat for the beach.

Many summer concerts have been arranged including entertainment at the beach and at Warren Woods. Don said he is working with the Social Services department for an event at the beach at the end of June to include a pizza truck. On Monday, April 8 the Social Services office will have eclipse glasses, moon pies and sunflowers for Warren residents to pick up.

#### WARREN WOODS - Trails

Dave said he has spoken to First Selectman Greg LaCava about adding more trails around Fiddler's Pond. There are old existing trails, and it is suggested that the Commission could spend a little money to open up the trails and blaze them. Dave said he has spoken with someone who said he could work on them. Kirby asked how much, and Dave replied \$2500 to get started. He added that the volunteer is a carpenter and could make signage.

On motion by Kirby, seconded by Ruth, with Dave recusing himself, the Commission voted 3-0 to allocate \$2500 for trail layout and clearing at Warren Woods. Dave added that they can connect the Warren Woods trails to Land Trust trails eventually. He added that the Land Trust monitors their land by drone. Don asked how many kiosks would be needed. Dave said he would like to have uniform kiosks in public spaces. The Land Trust kiosks were \$2,000 each but he might be able to get them for less.

WARREN BEACH – Don reported there are more than 18 applications for kayak rack spaces, at \$60 per slot. Beach permits are available as of April 1.

CIDER RUN – Kirby noted that the annual Cide Run will be held on October 19 at Warren Woods, and timing is available.

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

The Director suggested future programs could include a holiday concert at the church, possibly line dancing or square dancing in the winter.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dave, seconded by Ruth, the Commission voted to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen G. Andreasen