

## Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

November 13, 2023

6:30 pm

### Agenda

1. Call to order
  - 6:29pm
2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
  - Motion by Delmonte, Second by Kelleher
3. Program/Event Updates
  - Pumpkin Run
    - We had over 100 runners.
    - There wasn't much traffic for the "Field Day" portion, but we hope this changes next year when people know about the event.
  - Trunk or Treat
    - Over 50 trunks registered included multiple town organizations.
  - Hometown Holiday
    - All set for December 2nd
  - Fall Field Closures
    - Closing fields individually based on playability worked out much better than closing the whole Complex especially with all of the rain this fall.
    - Baseball was impacted the most because home plate was surrounded by water especially on field 5.
  - Open Discussion
    - Bring Public Works Director to discuss the Baseball fields and maintenance in the Spring to see if home plate areas can be improved
    - Are we still using DuraEdge for the fields?
    - Previous races in town: One mile Race Down South Rd, 10K out of the Fairgrounds and through Roraback. Could be used for the Field Day next year.
    - NEMBA for Mountain Bike trails in the Recreation Area. They can fix the bridge if it is out.
4. New Business
  - Matica Arts Rental
    - Committee Agrees to 10% donation from Matica in exchange for the Hometown Holiday Performance
  - Open Discussion
    - Greenway Trails – Do we know any residents who were involved? No.
    - Brian is interested in getting involved in this committee.
    - Field Use – Sign that says "Gates are closed and fields are closed"

- Many residents feel the fields are always closed and they cannot use them because the sign says "If gates are closed fields are closed"
- Discussion followed.
- Should we change the verbiage on the sign? How do we deter other activities that we do not want to happen such as golf, dogs, and unapproved practices?
- Commission agreed that pending approval from First Selectman we would like signs to say something like "No organized practices or games without prior approval from Harwinton Park & Rec."
- Could add "Area monitored by Resident Troopers" sign.
- Pickleball Court, \$300,000 has been bonded but not released.

5. Adjourn

- Wilcox Motion
- Kelleher Second

