



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission

Thursday, January 19, 2023 6:30 p.m.

LWVM Observer - Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Linda Rice-Collins. Karin Ernst, Rossana Ferrante, Matt Martin, Jaime Bloch, and Peter James were present. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Memorandum of Understanding with School Department

The MOU which the Commission submitted to the School Department, was returned, and approved with the addition of a phrase about usage for school contracted programs that isn't acceptable to the Commission. Superintendent Buckey and Sarah Fox will be invited to the next Commission meeting, and then Commission members will attend the next School Department meeting to discuss this. Care of the high school athletic fields is the first priority of the Department, and, in return, the department needs the use of indoor spaces in the schools for winter programs.

Budget

Peter presented a proposed budget with cost increases. He will send a copy to each member.

Park - Peter James

Invasive branches were removed from trees near the high school entrance, and a wild flower mix was planted.

Vine Street area was cleaned up.

After the tree burning, the area was cleaned up

A new sign was installed at the Rainbow Zone

Recreation - Jaime Bloch

January programming is well underway. Jaime has put toy bins for younger children who are waiting with their parents in the "lobby" while older children participating in programs.

On January 29 there will be a ski trip to Bradford.

The Daddy Daughter Dance is back and will be on Friday, March 24.

Jaime still needs to hire a building attendant on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Pickleball players have been harassing Commission members over the courts being closed once it has snowed. This is a safety and liability issue. Other towns contacted have closed their courts.

The Retirement Party for Rabbi Mayer, already approved for May 21, has requested a food truck. This was approved after making sure it is legal.

The request to hold the Home and Garden show at the Community Center will be offered for the April 8 weekend for a fee of \$5000 to cover costs.

A request for a June 25 wedding at Chandler Hovey was approved with a time possibly adjusted to coordinate with church services.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30.