

Town of Amherst Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:00pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Tony Day (excused)
Dick Duquin
Tim Gardner
Pam Hart
Kim Kriner (excused)
Michael MacDonald

Guest:

Eric Fraas, Buffalo Area Aquatic Swim Club

Jacqui Berger, Amherst Town Board Liaison
Shawn Lavin, Amherst Town Board Liaison (excused)
Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department
Eric Guzdek, Recreation Specialist/Youth & Recreation Department

Call to Order

Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

Presentation/Public Comment

Eric Fraas of the Buffalo Area Aquatic Swim Club presented a request to lease the Clearfield pool for practices and lessons for the summer of 2024. The Commission thanked him for the presentation and stated they will review the request.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

A. 2024 Golf Course Fees

Mr. Duquin gave a financial report for the Audubon Golf Course and presented the Commission with the proposed golf fees for the 2024 season. *Mr. Duquin made a motion to approve the proposed golf fees for the 2024 season, seconded by Mr. Gardner. Motion passed.*

Liaison Report

Ms. Berger discussed the amending of the budget and listed the coming recreational improvements throughout the Town.

Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department Report

Ms. Pouli reported on the construction of two new playgrounds, Bedford Park at Willow Ridge and Dana Heights Park. She announced that the Youth & Recreation Department winter program guide will be out shortly. Ms. Pouli further reported on the status of the Northwest Amherst Community Center, stating that everything is going well and signage for the center should be installed in December. Ms. Pouli relayed to the Commission issues regarding the retiring and hiring of personnel within the department.

Facilities Report

Mr. Guzdek reported on the status of various recreational facilities around the Town regarding the completing of projects and the winterizing of those facilities.

Chairperson's Report

No Report.

Liaison Reports

- A. Daemen College, AYB, Football, Soccer** – No Report.
- B. Golf** – Mr. Duquin reported on the statistics for the Audubon Golf Course from 2022 to 2023. He informed the Commission on the status of several current projects and future projects at the Audubon Golf Course.
- C. Skatepark, Parks & Playgrounds, Amherst Skating Club** - No Report.
- D. High School Baseball, Little League Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball** – No Report.
- E. Ice Hockey** – No Report.
- F. Northwest Amherst Community Center, Town Recreation Facilities, Lacrosse** – No Report.
- G. Individuals with disabilities** – No Report.
- H. Racquet Sports** – No Report.

Correspondence

No report.

Press Releases/News Articles

None

Adjournment

Mr. Duquin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gardner. Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.