

Town of Amherst Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

5:00pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Tony Day (Excused)

Dick Duquin

Tim Gardner

Pam Hart

Kim Kriner (Excused)

Michael MacDonald (Excused)

Jacqui Berger, Amherst Town Board Liaison (Excused)

Shawn Lavin, Amherst Town Board Liaison (Excused)

Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department

Eric Guzdek, Recreation Specialist/Youth & Recreation Department (Excused)

Call to Order

A. Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Presentation/Public Comment

Old Business

A. Royal Park

Ms. Pouli gave an update to Royal Park, stating that the project is substantially complete. She also let the Commission know that the Town is negotiating with Daemen on the costs regarding maintenance and management of the facility.

B. Gym/Facilities Rental Rates

Ms. Pouli informed the Commission that the Town Board approved the new gym and facility rental rates.

New Business

A. Golf Fees 2025

Mr. Duquin explained the new fees for 2025 to the Commission and recommended the rates for approval. *The Commission made a recommendation that 2025 Golf Fees be approved.*

B. Special Olympics

Ms. Pouli discussed an upcoming opportunity to host a Special Olympics basketball tournament in the spring. She stated that she would like approval from the Commission to be able to waive the rental fee for the gym space at the Clearfield Community Center.

Liaison Report – No Report

Youth & Recreation & Program Report

Ms. Pouli informed the Commission regarding the release of the Winter/Spring Program Guide, explaining that there several new programs being offered within the season. She announced the efforts of staff to implement a new registration system to be ready by the first of the year. She informed the Commission of several successful fall events for the community and issued a request for the Commission's help in recruiting additional staff for the department.

Facilities Report – No Report

Chairperson's Report – No Report

Liaison Reports

- A. Daemen College, AYB, Football, Soccer – No Report.**
- B. Golf – Mr. Duquin discussed current happenings 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

No Report.

Adjournment

Mr. Duquin adjourned the meeting at 5:22pm.