

**Westbrook Board of Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021**

Members Present: Chairman Kevin Blair, Matt LaSota, Jodi Ouellette, Greg Carlo, Mike Esposito and Abigail Fredrickson.

Also Present: Recreation Director Rich Annino.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Blair.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting:

Upon a motion by Jodi Ouellette, seconded by Matt LaSota, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of 9/8/2020, as distributed.

3. Director's Report:

Rich Annino reported the following:

At this time, all programs are on hold with the exception of before and after care. The Health Director did OK a babysitting course for early March. They will do a combined spring/summer brochure this year. At this point, outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities so we're hoping we can move forward with outdoor spring activities. He is currently working on the summer camp programs. The bands for the summer concerts are being booked.

Mr. Annino stated that he, the Westbrook Foundation and First Selectman Noel Bishop have been working on getting a survey out to the public to see what the town's people wants/needs are for a community center. At this time, a committee has been set up to accumulate information. The members are Courtney Burks, David Maiden Noel Bishop and Rich Annino. Greg Carlo stated that he feels that a resident of the town should be on the committee. Jodi Ouellette stated that she feels there should be a full committee including members of this Board. Mr. Annino stated that this was the First Selectman's decision and any Board member can contact Mr. Bishop directly with any of their concerns.

4. Old Business:

a. Beach Playground:

The playground at the town beach was installed in October. Mr. Annino will be getting a plaque to post our thanks to the Westbrook Foundation.

b. Status of Ted Lane Field:

This matter is on hold until the spring because at this time, there are no persons living around the fields. They will probably be back in the spring and the matter will be dealt with if this happens.

5. New Business:

a. Athletic Director – Westbrook Schools:

Mike Esposito stated that the school budget did not include funds for an Athletic Director for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Annino stated that he has spoken with the Superintendent of schools and she stated that the schools will be happy to work with park and rec to help meet their needs.

b. Letter from Douglas Kiss:

A letter was received from Douglas Kiss which stated his concerns about the upcoming travel soccer program. Mr. Annino stated that everything is unknown until the Health Director gives the OK to move forward. Jodi Ouellette stated that all the surrounding towns are opening to spring sports. Mr. Annino stated that he is moving

forward as if we can have the programs, but if the Health Director says no, then it's no. He further stated that if anyone wants to contact the Health Director directly with their concerns, please feel free to do so.

6. Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Mike Esposito, seconded by Matt LaSota, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of \$48.06, \$60.08 and \$24.04 to Katie Kelemen for August and September of 2020 and January of 2021.

7. Correspondence:

None.

8. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Matt LaSota, seconded by Jodi Ouellette, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary

As transcribed from a tape of the meeting.