



**Walpole Recreation Committee  
Meeting Held on June 13, 2018  
Blackburn Hall - 7:00 p.m.  
30 Stone Street - Walpole, MA 02081**

**Recreation Committee Present**

- *Regular Members* - Richard McCarthy, Joseph Grant, Michael McGrath, Annelise Fair
- *Associate Members* - Jeffrey Hutnick

**Staff Present**

- *Recreation Director* - Brendan Croak
- *Assistant Recreation Director* - Arielle Carney

**Call to Order**

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Director's Report**

- A. Previous Month(s) at the Recreation Department  
Director Croak updated the Committee on the success of the spring programs.
  - a. Walpole Day went smoothly with an update to follow from Assistant Director Carney.
  - b. Saturday T-Ball has wrapped up with only one rain-out during the duration of the season.
- B. Ongoing/upcoming Recreation Programs and Activities  
Director Croak updated the Committee on the status of Jarvis Farm
  - c. The pond has been prepped and shall be inspected by the Board of Health tomorrow, Thursday, June 14.
  - d. The Parks Department has mowed the field, trimmed bushes and removed broken / damaged tree limbs and elements on the property that were remaining from this past winter.

- e. A new backstop on the far baseball field will be installed soon. Parks has since removed the only damaged backstop.
- f. A new flag pole will be installed on-site in late June.

C. Walpole Day Recap

Assistant Director Carney gave the Committee a recap of Walpole Day 2018

- a. All vendor spaces were booked for a second year in a row.
- b. The weather was somewhat dreary, which resulted in some gaps in the layout, as some vendors chose to not attend in the rain.
- c. The turnout for parade, Kidz Zone, food court, etc. was just as successful as in year's past, despite the rain.
  - i. Food vendors sold out of food
  - ii. Kidz Zone sales covered cost of the rentals
- d. Roaming puppets and stilt-walkers made for great photo opportunities. The public seemed to enjoy the added elements.
- e. SnapChat filter was added to this year's event - acknowledging the sponsorship of Walpole Co-Operative Bank.
- f. Department will address larger barricades for entrance points, as multiple cars attempted to enter the venue space during the festival.

D. Update - Summer Staffing

- a. CPR / First-Aid training is scheduled for all Recreation supervisors
- b. Orientations for newly-hired staff, as well as program-specific orientations will take place prior to the start of the season.
- c. Director Croak will conduct the "New Hire" orientations
- d. Assistant Director Carney and Program Coordinator Wolf will conduct the program-specific orientations.

E. Update - Pools

Director Croak gave the Committee an update on the summer pool schedule

- a. Pool preparation is ahead of schedule.
- b. Tentative opening date is June 23.
- c. Inspection of Center Pool and Splash Pad is June 14.
- d. South Pool was inspected last week and passed without any issues.

F. Update - Smiling Eyes

Director Croak informed the Committee that the Department has received almost \$18,000 in requests, which comes out to around 60 children.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

- A. Reorganization of Recreation Committee  
Both Chairman McCarthy and Mr. Grant expressed interest in the Recreation Chairman position. On a motion by Chairman McCarthy, second by Mr. Grant, the Committee voted (3-0-0) to name Joseph Grant as new Chairman.

**Public Comment**

None

**Minutes**

- A. Approval of 05/02/18 Meeting Minutes  
On a motion by Mr. Grant, seconded by Ms. Fair, the Committee voted (4-0-0) to approve the meeting minutes from the May 2 Meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.