

## **The minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission held at The East Longmeadow Public Library, 60 Center Square.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Tom Kaye.

Roll Call: Tom Kaye, Kevin McLoughlin, Bill Rinaldi, Peter Shorrocks, Don LePage, Jessica Stacy (Recreation Department)

Guest to Address the Commission : none

Approval of Minutes:

Director's Report:

Current Activities:

- This week we are hosting a Fitter & Faster Swim School. It's for advanced swimmers & coached by former Olympic swimmers. John Tarbell brought this idea to me for not only our swimmers, but as a revenue generating class we can use to supplement our own swim program. We have 27 participants.
- Basketball is on hold this week with February break. Coaches & players are eagerly waiting to get back in the gym as playoffs will be starting
- Preparation for spring sports continues. Equipment, uniforms, paint (we rotate with schools) school use forms & recruiting volunteers is ongoing with background checks, CDC & handbook information.
- Itty Bitty Ball wrapped up 2/20 & parents are asking for a spring session
- Bidy Ball goes until March 4
- Winter STEM program wraps up on 3/16, we have 10 participants (ages 7-11) learning about Bridges & Building
- Swim lessons start back up on 2/28. Sessions continue until 6/3

Open Registration:

- Community Gardens
- Counselor in training
- Babysitting
- Spring Lax training
- Tennis & Pickleball

Upcoming Activities:

- Summer Day Camp registration begins 3/14 for residents
- Community Egg Hunt in partnership with the EL Rotary Club, 4/8, 9am to Noon
- Backyard Fun for April vacation at Pine Knoll 4/18-21, registration is low, but usually after parents have their kids home for Feb break registration booms

- STEM for April vacation subject TBD waiting on school use approval from Birchland
- Earth Day Clean-up 4/8, 9-11 am in partnership with the ELHD

General:

- Applications for the rec coordinator position haven't produced a qualified candidate
- I haven't received any applications for the summer aquatic director position at PK
- Bailey Mitchell, Jess & I are meeting on 3/21 to talk about future town projects. The next step is to bring the Rec Commission, Planning, Conservation, ELF & any other groups that are interested in the future of recreation in EL together
- The new scoreboard donated by Hampden Engineering has been installed
- The required paperwork for soccer has increased dramatically. ELSA has asked that the rec office take over this process. We were affiliated with USA Soccer, but our region as a whole voted to move to MYSA. MYSA requires a registrar (Joe), risk manager (Jess), and president (dp). Kristine & I started the process, but as the duties increased I brought in Joe & Jess.
- [Bruce Stebbins](#), who swam for Coach Silva would like to start fundraising for the upkeep of PK pool or other needs. I asked if his group would be willing to help with free swim lessons for PK campers. He is proposing that to his group. I've also invited him to be a part of ELF & our meeting with the other community leaders.
- We are taking applications for summer positions - interviews will begin in March

New Business : none

Old Business: none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin McLoughlin and seconded by Bill Rinaldi. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm