

The Waltham Recreation Board held their September meeting on October 18, 2017 at the Waltham Community and Cultural Center, 510 Moody St., Waltham MA.

Present were: Thomas Creonte, Patricia Curtin, Richard Scanlon, Stacey Tully, Gary Vallerand, Jennie Scafidi and Jerry Walker. Wayne Cook, John Graceffa was absent.

Also present was Assistant Director, Kim Scott.

Mr. Scanlon called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being taped by WCAC, Waltham's local cable channel and would be shown on the local channel at a later date.

Chairman Scanlon welcomed everyone and introduced new Recreation Board Member Jennie Scafidi. He asked other members to introduce themselves, if they have not already.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017. Board meeting was made by Jerry Walker, seconded by Thomas Creonte and voted unanimously.

The monthly bills were circulated and signed by all Board members present.

Assistant Director Scott stated that the two pages detailed current balances in the operational and capital budget accounts. Last month it was explained that the balances from FY 17 had not transferred in to FY 18 as of that meeting. The balances have been brought forward and all accounts are current and in good standing. Also, there is a new line item listed on the bottom of the operational budget page in the amount of \$500,000. A letter in your folder and a copy of a transfer from Mayor McCarthy explains that this money is in a special revenue account and was transferred from the Mayor to the Recreation Department for future recreational use. This money was from the Verizon PEG (Public, Education and Government). Assistant Director Scott said that going forward, it will be decided the best use of the funds

The first item on the agenda were the Youth Sports Groups Presentation. Chairman Scanlon and Assistant Director, Kim Scott informed the Board that Waltham Baseball/Babe Ruth League were unable to attend tonight's meeting. They will be rescheduled for November.

Chairman Scanlon introduced representatives from Warrendale Little League. Representing the organization was the league's President, Mr. Tim O'Toole, Treasurer, Mr. Bill Burgess and 2016 Emerging leader winner, as well as 2017 Warrendale Little League's Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Matthew McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin furnished each Board member with a copy of the 2017 Warrendale Little League Yearbook. The league's President, Mr. Tim O'Toole began discussions stating that this was his first year as President. He feels it has went very well. Mr. O'Toole continued with a brief summary of the season. He stated that there was a great influx of new kids. Mr. O'Toole thanked the Recreation Department, the Board and CPW, stating that there is a great partnership between the City and the league. He informed the Board that their mission has been and continues to be to have fun, teach the fundamentals of baseball. It has been

very successful. Some of the highlights of the season and new events this year were, kicking off the season with a dance, Coaches training and (5) skills sessions.

Mr. O'Toole introduced the leagues Treasurer, Bill Burgess. Mr. Burgess began by stating that financially the league is in good standing. Stating that there was only a profit on \$150 due to the purchase of new uniforms. He believes that in future years the purchase of the uniforms will save money. Mr. Burgess began a discussion regarding the Emerging Leaders Program. He stated 2017 was another successful year for the program. Mr. Burgess introduced Matthew McLaughlin, Assistant Treasurer of Warrendale Little League and winner of the Emerging Leaders Program 2016. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the program has taught him valuable life lessons, as well as business experience.

Students that were present that received college recommendations were: Rohan Curtin, Nicholas Perez, and Matthew McLaughlin Winner of the 2016 Emerging Leaders of Waltham Program and the 2017 Assistant Treasurer of the Warrendale Little League.

Students not able to attend but completed the program on June 22, 2017 were: Murial Dol, Sean Donohue, Katherine Garside, Olivia Guden, Shannon Labuza, Jack Lawn, Patrick Lawn, Hannah MacDonald (Winner of the 2017 Program and will become the 2018 Assistant Treasurer of the Warrendale Little League next year.) Lucas Meade, Jason Oliveri.

Assistant Director Scott referred to an email that was forwarded to the Board last week. It was a letter from the Salvation Army requesting to use Gilmore Playground one Saturday per month, weather permitting to reach out to the community and get to know people. This time would also allow the Salvation Army to inform people about the services they offer and provide. Jerry Walker made note that this a long standing program within the City and he made a motion to give the Salvation Army permission to utilize Gilmore Playground one Saturday per month, weather permitting, to reach out to the community. Seconded by, Stacy Tully. All in favor.

Assistant Director Scott made mention to an updated contact listing for the Waltham Recreation Board for 2017/18.

A letter was sent to the tenants of the Waltham Community and Cultural Center explaining some safety protocols that have been updated. That will improve the already safe environment within the building.

Assistant Director Scott made reference to 2017 summer survey. She stated that overall all those surveyed this summer, were extremely pleased with services.

Assistant Director Scott also made reference to the summary of attendance for the 2017 summer season. A quick reference was made to the fact that from 2016 to 2017 there was an increase participation of 109 elementary age youth. Also the total participation number increased from 2016 to 2017, by 432.

The Recreation Supervisor/Special Needs position has been posted through the City of Waltham web page as well as circulated through the MRPA. After reviewing the applications, five applicants have been chosen and will be interviewed for the position. The Interview Committee

will include Board Members Dick Scanlon, Jerry Walker. Director Abruzzi and I will be holding screening interviews next week and hope to have final candidates before the board next month.

Assistant Director Scott referred to a memo from The City of Waltham Law Department detailing the new amendments for the Open Meeting Law. Assistant Director Scott asked the Board to review a copy of the memo. The full version of updated laws can be found on the web site noted.

The Veteran's Memorial Rink Renovation Project is at the completion point of design and ready to go to bid. Our official bid opening for the project is November 1st.

The Waltham Land Trust Stewards requested signs to be placed at the Lazazzero Fishing Pier regarding the safety of recycling fishing hooks and lines. Assistant Director Scott mentioned that the Department is looking for signs that will educate the Community and encourage residents to dispose of hooks/lines safely.

In other business Board member, Gary Vallerand informed the Board that that the clean-up that was scheduled to occur at Little Prospect at Prospect Hill Park with himself and the Stewards is going to be rescheduled to next spring.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Creonte and second by Stacey Tully and voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Scott
Assistant Director