



**Park and Recreation Commission  
Town Hall, 126 Main St.  
Ware, Massachusetts 01082-1386**

### Minutes of the Park Commission Meeting

Date: April, 12, 2023  
Place: Town Hall  
Present: Bill Imbier, John Piechota, Kim Swarts, Ryan Mulligan, Stuart Beckley

The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm for the . The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the preferred design plan for Reed Pool including a spray deck.

Items and issues discussed:

- L shaped preferred and maybe widening
- Pool length for laps
- Remove some playground equipment to accommodate a spray deck
- Current playground equipment is rotting or needs repair
- Work is needed on bath house – not included in design plans
- Need for cameras – not included in the design plans
- Current drainage system
- Large tree in playground and trees on top of ridge need to come down
- Spray deck should be in the sun and within the playground
- Above ground spray deck or dug in
- Cost of chemicals
- New sewer and water system
- Staffing and lifeguards
- Cost

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to use plan C.1.A. with the spray deck in the playground area. It may take 5 to 6 months for a design. Bill suggested to have AECOM propose a timeline. The bathhouse would be an extra cost and maybe a grant could be applied for to connect to the sewer if the plan goes forward. Stuart is optimistic and it would be a source of Town pride. Nancy will draft a letter to AECOM to include the design choice.

#### **Updates from John Piechota**

Ware Baseball is not complying with the Town's guidelines on timely turnovers for deposits of payments and registration fees. It was decided that for the remainder of the current fiscal year, they will remain under the sponsorship of the Park and Recreation Department so that parents will not have to pay an additional insurance payment. Going forward, Ware Baseball

will operate without Park and Recreation sponsorship.

The Ware Adult Literacy Project will be holding their graduation at the Grenville Park bandstand on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Possible grant applications due by July 13<sup>th</sup>:

- New Grenville Park pavilion
- Drainage
- Pickleball courts
- New bathrooms
- Convert playground surface to all poured in place
- Open up the parking lot area in the back of the park down by the new playground

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission will be May 1 2023.

Nancy Dunn  
Park Secretary

Bill Imbier \_\_\_\_\_

Kim Swarts \_\_\_\_\_

Ryan Mulligan \_\_\_\_\_