

Marshfield Recreation Department
900 Ferry Street
Recreation Commission Meeting
October 26, 2022, Meeting Called to 6:01

Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting Attendees: Denis Kelleher, Brian Spano, Brian Robinson, Mary Whidden
Craig Jameson - Director Marshfield Recreation, Nancy Bowers - Administrative Assistant Marshfield Recreation
Missing Commission Member: Gary Pina, Brendan Wills
Guests Representing Pickleball Community: Ann Gillespie, Jill Nihill, Mark Voelkel
Guest: Larissa Crane

Craig Jameson invited Ann Gillespie to speak. Ann told the attendees that she is the USA Pickleball Ambassador for Marshfield and that Pickleball is the #1 sport and growing amongst the adults. The pickleball group had a pickleball challenge at the Boys and Girls Club with the proceeds of \$4,000 going to the Boys and Girls Club and Friends of Peter Igo Park. Ann continued to explain that there is an App Team Reach which allows Pickleball players to coordinate when people want to play at Peter Igo Park, Counsel on Aging, the Boys and Girls Club and the surrounding courts when there is not program running. Craig informed everyone that there are 9 Recreation Pickleball programs running at the present time, at Martinson Elementary there are 3 nights, at South River there is 1 and at Eames way there are 5. Jill Nihill asked about checking the equipment and about future lights at the Boys and Girls Club. Craig told everyone that he just purchased 5 new nets and several Pickleball balls, and that the lights will hopefully go in early spring. Ann Gillespie asked if the Recreation Department could purchase a wind screen for the Boys and Girls Club and about a squeegie for the courts when it rains. Jill Nihill would like the word to be spread about Pickleball behavior and rules.

Larissa Crane then spoke and told everyone that she is fairly new to the town and she came just to see what the Recreation Department does in town, who is in charge of what recreational group and how she could get involved.

Brian Spano made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for August, Brian Robinson 2nd the motion and everyone approved. Motion passes.

Craig Jameson announced that Mary Whidden has joined the Recreation Commission. Thank you Mary and Welcome!

Craig Jameson started off by speaking about the Fall Recreation programs that we are \$15,000 ahead of last year. This is for registrations that started July 1, 2022. He continued to discuss every program that is running individually and what we have brought in. Craig stressed that Pickleball is going great.

Craig discussed the problem we are having regarding dogs off leash at Coast Guard Hill.

Brian Spano brought up the opportunity to volunteer with any of the programs.

Denis Kelleher informed us about what is happening at Tower Ave playground, North Marshfield playground and the dog park regarding the CPC. He informed us that the dog park has their design plans 100% approved. Will be going out to bid soon.

Brian Spano made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Denis Kelleher 2nd the motion, the motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 7:41