

Recreation & Parks Committee Meeting- June

Below are the notes sent to the committee to keep them updated and informed.

The meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus and Social Distancing.

Admin Staff

I am currently working Mondays-Fridays. Going in each morning 8a-12p to check on parks and going to office to answer phone messages, get mail, make copies, scan and send invoices and payroll.

Working from home in the afternoons until the week of June 15.

Parks Staff

J. Wells is now working Mondays-Fridays, 6 hours a day, 30 hours a week.

Full time Buildings & Grounds person is now working 6 hours per day, Monday-Friday in parks. First two hours are cleaning town buildings.

Recreation Coordinator Position

Nothing new on the position

Summer Staff

Have hired 13 at this time to work in day camp. Staff training will start online, virtually in the next week. Staff will meet week of June 15 for on site training and preparing camp.

Staff will work 5 ½ hours a day, Monday-Friday. One counselor will work with a group of 10 campers in the morning and another counselor will work with them in the afternoon.

Programs

July 4-

Select board had meeting yesterday, June 2, decision was to offer fireworks. Looking at a location off of Harvest Lane near Home Depot. Working with Davis Reality to use space. Fireworks would be visible from parking lots in around the area and as far away as Maple Tree Place. Meeting with fireworks company to see if location will work

Rec. Programs-

All programs Cancelled through June.

Summer Day Camp-

Will open on Monday, June 22, from 7:30a-5:30p. 8- 1-week sessions until August 14

Taken up to 50 campers per session. In groups of 10 campers with 2 counselors, 1 working mornings and the other working afternoons.

No field trips, no busing, camp will self-isolate at WCS for programming.

Summer Enrichment Camps-

Some are being offered at this time. Most have cancelled.

Garden Plots-

Gardens are open

Field Reservations

Fields have not been lined or goals put out. Waiting for State Guidelines allowing for organized sports and play.

Projects

All projects are on hold currently

Parks

Courts are open- Basketball, Tennis/Pickleball, 1 Volleyball

Still closed- Playgrounds, Fields, Restrooms and Large Skate Park Elements are not out.

Re-Appointments

Welcome to Eric Kelley and Tim Armstrong for re-appointment to the committee.

UPDATES ON WEBSITE

TOWN SERVICES & COVID-19 UPDATES

All Recreation & Parks business is being conducted by email, online or phone.
Payments can be mailed or use the drop box at the back entrance of Town Hall-7900 Williston Rd.
See the town announcement and check back for updates- [Click Here](#)

FACILITY UPDATE:

The following Amenities/Facilities are now OPEN

Tennis/Pickleball Courts, Basketball Courts, 1 Sand Volleyball Court, Disc Golf Course
Courts are for Single/Small Groups, Family Members, w/masks and Social Distancing- 6 ft.
Each Court will be signed with guidelines that must be followed

The following Amenities/Facilities are CLOSED until further notice

Playgrounds, Fields & Restrooms. Large Skate Park Elements are not out at this time.
These are still closed because CDC Guidelines cannot be followed to open them safely.
Organized Sport Leagues: Not allowed at this time due to State orders.

CAMP UPDATE:

Click on the links below to read what Williston Camps are doing to offer safe camps this Summer.

[State Guidelines & Williston Protocols](#)

[R.E.C. Day Camp Manual for COVID-19](#) - Updated 5/29/2020

Camp Grid- Use the Camp Grid to see all Camps offered this Summer; Day, Sports, Specialty & Technology. [Click Here](#)

The following camps have been Cancelled for the Summer

GPS Soccer Camps, US Sports Institute Camps- Soccer, Basketball, Lacrosse & Multi-Sports, Catamount Golf Camps, Flip-Dance-Circus Camp,

Art Camps, String Ensemble Camps, Knitting Camp, Engineering Camps, Baking Camps, Safe Sitters Camp,

New camp added- Rocketry Camp- Aug 3-7, 1-5p- [Click Here](#)

PROGRAM UPDATE:

JULY 4th CELEBRATION:

FIREWORKS- Currently on hold with the hopes to be able to display them on the 4th.

Select Board will be discussing this in a future meeting, with more info from state on safety guidelines.

POSTPONED- All activities on July 3rd & 4th have been postponed at this time;

5K Run, Ice Cream Social, Town Band Concert, Parade, Activities on The Green, Vendors & Fire Dept. Open House.

Some of these activities will be done if possible when gathering is safe or in other ways to celebrate

CANCELLED- The Friends of the Library have cancelled the Book Sale for this year

PROGRAM UPDATE:

The following programs have been Cancelled for June and into the Summer months

Track & Field, Golf Clinics, Music Intro, Pickleball 101, Safe Sitters, Soccer- Parent & Me & Squirts, Multi-Sports- Parent & Me & Squirts

Adult Pickup Programs are suspended until further notice.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Senior Fitness Programs

Free- open to all Williston Seniors 50+. Offered on Zoom with instructor Toni Kunker

Click on the Fitness Program below, to be brought to the page with the instructions on how to join.

[Strength Training- Tuesdays & Thursdays](#)

[Gentle Yoga- Fridays](#)

Other Online Program Offerings

Click on the Program below for information and register directly with them.

[Ukulele Lessons](#)- June Programs

[Harmonica Lessons](#)- June Program

[Chess Lessons](#)

MORE fun stuff to do at home:

[Wicked Cool](#) - easy and educational STEAM ideas

[Audubon VT](#) - Outdoor learning

[Local Motion](#) - Biking activities

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) - Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing
[Vermont Fish & Wildlife](#) - has a page designed to help connect with nature
[Four Winds Institute](#) - Explore nearby Nature
[The ECHO Center](#) - has loads of fun activities and videos

One question was sent after the May Notes. Below is the question and answer.

Questions

1. What are the financial implications for the Rec Dept in re: to program cancellations, etc.? Is there anything we can do to help support your work during this time?

-Erin

We have cancelled a lot of programs for the months of March, April, May and into June, and some camps, but most have been contracted programs or camps, where we pay out to directors who offer and run the camp. As well as revenue not coming into those programs/camps we have not had to pay out to them. There will be a little loss of kept revenue from those- \$12 per person for programs and \$25 per camper for camps. The \$25 per camper goes to hiring a person over the summer to oversee those camps. We will not be hiring that person; I will be overseeing the Enrichment Camps this summer. This was something the new position was going to oversee, but we are holding off hiring for now.

The one large program that Rec was to offer this Spring was lacrosse, but then again, we didn't have to spend out for league fees, equipment and other expenses to run the program.

Where revenues will be down, expenses will also be down. So, the budget will show no increase to the revenue side, but the expense side will remain the same.

Thank you for your support. Nothing to do currently, we are waiting for new directives from the state and town and opening courts, parks when possible and looking at camps right now for the summer.