## **RECREATION COMMISSION**



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MEETING MINUTES OF: 08/09/22 MEETING BEGAN: 7:00 p.m.

MEETING PLACE: Whitney Park Clubhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean McBride, Jason Martins, Joseph Lupa

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jason Martins motion to accept minutes of 7/26/22. Joseph Lupa second. PASS 2-1 Jason obstained – not present

Jason Martins motion to accept/sign bills. Joseph Lupa second. PASS 3-0

Jason Martins motion to accept correspondence #36 & 39 (LHS Athletics Director request for field usage and LFA schedule). Joseph Lupa second. PASS 3-0

Jason Martins motion to file correspondence #37 & 38 (Notice of Special ⊈own Meeting and Payroll Authorization form). Joseph Lupa second. PASS 3-0

Commission discussed advertising for all summer employment earlier to try to attract more applicants for next year and future years. Discussion on utilizing HR for advertisements.

Joseph Lupa discussed a phone call he received from a patron at the pool. He stated that the person was upset because his wife was denied access to the pool with her clothes on (that was covering a bathing suit). He stated that she wore her (midi jean skirt) for religious reasons. The Manager told them that they couldn't go into the pool with clothes on as it affects the chemicals. They stated to Mr Lupa that they were going to seek legal advice. The Clerk stated that she was not told about being religious until the second time she went in with her husbands bathing suit (over her own) and was again told that she couldn't go in the pool with a cover up. The Manager again tried to explain why clothing (or cover ups) were not allowed in the pool and the fact that she could not be allowed to wear her clothes in the pool when others were told they couldn't go in with their clothes on. They shouted profanity while trying to take the Managers picture, slammed the gate (which is now broken), tore off the rules that were posted (that clearly states "no cover ups/clothing allowed in the pool") and stayed in the parking lot, again trying to take the Managers picture. Commission stated that Town Counsel will be notified should the patron seek legal counsel.

Jason Martins motion to adjourn at 7:25pm. Sean McBride second. PASS 3-0

NEXT MEETING 09/13/22

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