

Wallingford Recreation Committee
8/6/26

Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:03

Meeting Place: Town Clerk's Office

Present: David Cornwell, Heather Johnson, Brian Ferguson, Eric McKee.

Approved agenda (consensus)

Tabled approving June '26 Minutes until our next regular meeting (consensus)

No public in attendance (no public comment).

Reviewed and discussed baseball season (Spring '26)

- All fields used by multiple teams
- MRU and RCLL shared space for games and practices
 - Challenge to juggle time and space, but made it work
- 80+ kids used the space
- 7 teams total
 - 2x 5-6 Teams
 - 1x 3-4 Baseball
 - 1x 3-4 Softball
 - 1x 5-6 Softball
 - 1x T Ball
 - 1x Coach Pitch
- 3x RCLL Teams, 4x MRU Teams used the space
- Outfield fence erected for north field

Thoughts/plans for next year (Spring '27)

- MRU and/or RCLL need to take down outfield fences at the end of the season (they were still up as of Wallingford Day and are still up as fences mid-field.
- Soccer Goals were moved and not returned
 - Currently one if on south field infield
 - One is broken (bent, damaged)
 - Cost to replace (appx \$1500)
- IF goals are moved for any reason, they MUST be moved by 4x people and carried not dragged.
- North shed was left messy and not cleaned up (per community member/Wallingford Day subcommittee member)

Next steps:

- David will explore repairing and or replacing the broken goal
- Eric will facilitate a donation by OMYA of chalk for field lining
- David/Rec will explore cost of retractable wheels to add to soccer goals to facilitate easy movement (2 people vs. 4)
- Will go over these concerns/policies with MRU and RCLL next year

Update on Playground/Park

- Wood chips have been bought and spread by a community member.
 - Possibly more coming
- David replaced swing chains, seats, and fittings at park
- North shed needs painting/attention – Spring '27 work day
 - Will order paint with '27 budget
- One of the chain climbers was removed due to rust/age
 - David is exploring replacing it with a new one
 - Eric suggested perhaps rope might be a more affordable option
- Sandi is addressing an issue with an edge of the skateboard ramp
- Heather sprayed the bees next in the park fence
- Do we have parts for the fences? Will check with Sandi as this was a low level VLCT concern

Security System (Damaged) at Park

- Brian found what a comparable camera to the one broken
- David will explore using insurance funds (from claim due to damage) to pay for it vs. Rec funds with Sandi
- Brian offered to install it

Brian inquired about the security system at Elfin Lake. Is it set up and in use? What happened to the recording device? Possibly taken down in winter and not set up?

Agreed that we need to “walk” Elfin lake. Set a date of 8/18 at 6PM. Agenda will be coming and it will be warned.

Other Business:

Soccer Use in Fall '26 by MRU and Flag Football use Fall '26

- David will reach out to Shaunna at MRU to discuss field marking/goals
 - Possibly 4 MRU soccer teams using the space
 - MRU contribution vs. Rec/Wallingford
 - We can help with field marking, but would like help setting up a 3-6 appropriate field
 - Update her about the damaged goal/smaller goals that are there
- Eric is the point person for flag football

Agenda Building:

- Elfin Lake “special meeting”
 - Inspection
 - Security system at Elfin Lake
 - Other relevant business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05