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A regular meeting of the Westfield Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Location: City Hall in room 315 at 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA. Members present by a roll call were: Jane DeBarbieri Scott LaBombard, Peter Lurgio, Kenneth Magarian, Vincent Olinski, and Sara Unger. Members absent: Douglas Morash and Michael Tirrell

At 6:30 pm Chairman LaBombard called the meeting to order asking if anyone was here tonight that was not listed on the agenda and explaining the 15 max minutes of speaking time per person.

Approval of February 13, 2023 minutes Kenneth Magarian moved, seconded by Sara Unger
The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Jane DeBarbieri	X	
Scott LaBombard	X	
Peter Lurgio	X	
Kenneth Magarian	X	
Vincent Olinski	X	
Sara Unger	<u>X</u>	
	6	0 Motion passed

Public Participation – Sergio Bonavita, Brendan Murphy, Matt Collins and Nate Sperry

Business or Items for Discussion: Items on the agenda with Chairman LaBombard presiding

1. Vincent Olinski moved, Sara Unger seconded to approve the Sergio Bonavita-Westfield Youth Football permit as presented.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Jane DeBarbieri	X	
Scott LaBombard	X	
Peter Lurgio	X	
Kenneth Magarian	X	
Vincent Olinski	X	
Sara Unger	<u>X</u>	
	6	0 Motion passed

2. Kenneth Magarian moved, Jane DeBarbieri seconded to approve Matt Collins, St. Marys permits for Boardman boy's lacrosse, Municipal, tennis and Sadie Knox softball The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Jane DeBarbieri	X	
Scott LaBombard	X	
Peter Lurgio	X	
Kenneth Magarian	X	
Vincent Olinski	X	
Sara Unger	<u>X</u>	—

3. Nate Sperry, Horticulture WTA presented a 3D model plant design for Parker Memorial Park and stated the students all made their own 3D models and informed commissioners they are welcome to stop by to see them. He went over the proposal of what would look good and enhance the park in all four corners of the park and to move monuments over to one area and have an area dedicated to Elizabeth Parker. He went over the history of Elizabeth's original garden in the back and they found a small monument with her name on it. The students did research at the library as well there were rose gardens like Stanley Park and they want Elizabeth Parker name to have recognition in the upgrade proposal design dedicated to her in one area. He explained the model and areas to invite people in, cement sidewalks, new plantings, remove the water feature due to maintenance, move monuments in order in one section move the flag pole up front, gain 40 feet of open space have three entrances there that will offer curves and turns to invite you in the park. Nate explained possibly next fall will be the best time to work on the projects when students are back in school. A conversation was made regarding Veteran groups that use that area. Fran Cain responded moving the monuments is not gravestones it would be better organized in one area per Nate's proposal. He mentioned those bushes and trees were taking over the park and it looks more welcoming as he walks that area often.

4. Scott LaBombard brought up in the past meetings that the students could get involved in plantings and was pleased Scott Hathaway reached out to them. He proposed to have a Parker Park subcommittee to go over Nate's presentation pending budget approval next fiscal year the subcommittee members are Scott LaBombard, Vincent Olinksi, Peter Lurgio, Julie Barnes Veterans liaison and Scott Hathaway so everyone is on board on Nate Sperry and the WTA students plans and designs for a more beautiful open space park.

5. Nate Sperry also brought a map design proposal to Women's Temperance Park with students and mentioned Kathy Hillman approached him on signage and improving that space for plantings. He explained that people donated a stone called Tru stone years ago that is a 2ft wide by 5 ft. flat he has 7 stones altogether they can donate to the park and have the students and Kathy Hillman add small planting materials around them. He brought up QR codes and adding names on the stones of historical women in Westfield on them. The conversation was made possibly recordings of students on a website to QR codes.

6. Scott LaBombard asked for a Women's Temperance Park subcommittee to go over all the 3D proposals Nate Sperry presented. A conversation was made if the Historic Commission should be involved regarding the women's names in Westfield's history. Subcommittee members are Jane DeBarbieri, Nate Sperry, Kathy Hillman, Scott LaBombard, and Cindy Gaylord, Chair of the Historic Commission.

7. Scott Hathaway, Deputy Supt. and Fran Cain, Interim Director brought up funding that might be available through the city council to fix tennis courts at Municipal. Scott Hathaway brought up that the grant for Whitney is all set and he is getting quotes and it needs to be spent before June 30. A conversation was made regarding Chico field dedication timeline and Scott Hathaway said Bullen's field could possibly have funding for new synthetic turf near the Jachym field for football.

9. Schedule of bills - (Attached)

10. Staff Reports (Attached)

Adjourn- moved, Jane DeBarbieri seconded by Sara Unger to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed

The meeting ended at 8:04 pm

Documents: Agenda, minutes, schedules, reports, 3D view Parker Park and landscaping map of plantings and stones at Women's Temperance Park.

The next meeting is on April 10, 2023

The review of minutes approved by Douglas Morash, Secretary of the Commission

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