

**ASHFORD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
ASHFORD MEMORIAL PARK
MONDAY, 6/10/24 5:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:53 p.m. due to the commission repairing picnic tables and benches at Ashford Memorial Park.
2. **Seating of Representatives (Alternates):** Director Sherry York was present. Members present were Andrew Doering. Dave Roston was seated for Garth Bean, Amanda Holden was seated for Neil Gordon, and Steve Galinat was seated for Dan Kehoe.
3. **Public to be Heard:** No members of the public were present to be heard.
4. **Approval of May's Meeting Minutes:** No changes were proposed to May's meeting minutes. Steve Galinat made a motion to approve the minutes. Amanda Holden seconded the motion and all members/seated alternates present from the May meeting agreed so the motion passed.
5. **Recreation Director's Review:**
 - i. Sherry shared that registrations for summer programs are coming in. Currently, Bike Camp is full, Gymnastic Camp has 13 kids, Basketball Camp has 15 kids, and Summer Camp has 17 kids. Concerts are good to go. A special thank you went out to Bob Ignatowicz and Margie Chatey for helping to advertise the summer concert series with large posters, flyers, and laminated flyers.
6. **Budget Review, YTD Financial Report:** A financial report was shared current as of 6/4/2024
 - i. Since the last meeting an income of \$4,200 was collected. Expenses totaled \$3,900 for painting at Ashford Memorial Park.
 - ii. Next year the APRC will look into repairing the roof of the Snack Shed at Ashford Memorial Park.
 - iii. A discussion occurred regarding the price of programs and how they are not comparable with other towns in the surrounding areas. In addition, the cost of funding the programs has increased while the fee to participate has stayed the same. For example, the cost of paying a referee during basketball season has increased, but the fee to participate continues to be the same. Steve Galinat made a motion to increase the cost of program fees by 10% beginning on 7/1/2024. Amanda Holden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - iv. A discussion occurred regarding charging a fee to rent the pavilion at Ashford Memorial Park. The commission agreed to firm up a written agreement/rental contract stating the expectations of renting the pavilion. The APRC would like to review the rental policy and fee of Knowlton Hall and the Senior Center. The commission decided to table this conversation for a later date during the off season.

- v. The Lion's Club Scholarship/Grant Fund has been confirmed by the finance department and has a healthy balance. This money will be given to kids who want to go to camp.

7. Closing- adjourn: Amanda Holden motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Roston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m