**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: 03/07/2023

 Approval: awaiting

Recorded by: Ashley Martin

Submitted by: Ashley Martin

**COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Matthew Frye, chair, Ashley Martin, secretary, Justin Miller, Wade Sauls (arrival time 6:30 pm), Selectman representative: Beth Boudreau

**ABSENT**: Dave Ruth

Scott Blewitt-Recreation director

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** none

Meeting schedule start: 6:00 pm

Actual start time 6:05 PM.

Meeting Scribe: Ashley Martin

**Public Update**: no comment

1. **Meeting minute approval from February**: Ashley Martin motion to approve, Beth Boudreau seconded, passed 3 to 0 to 1. Justin Miller abstained
2. **Justin Miller welcome**: First meeting as a commission member.

Scott Blewitt wished to publicly thank Janice Coffill for her years of service and dedication to the recreation commission.

1. **Revolving fund update**: tabled until April meeting, to include Dave Ruth.
2. **Update to commission role**: Matt Frye emailed Walter Johnson with questions regarding and function of recreation commission. Walter Johnson sent article discussing role of rec revolving fund and policy. Beth Boudreau informed commission that clarification from select board will be forthcoming. Was added to agenda for the next meeting. Select board requests to have both the Director and commission members come to an upcoming meeting, to discuss future goals of recreation department.
3. **Second reading of team selection and play time policy**: Beth Boudreau requested that parents be provided a copy of policy. Matt Frye requested an amendment to request the team selection policy include a grade range of third through eighth grade. Motion to approve team formation policy with amendment by Ashley Martin. Justin Miller seconded, motion to adopt team formation policy passed, four to zero.

Second reading of player participation policy to be performed at April’s meeting. Matt Frye requested a bullet point to specify team size may necessitate some adjustment to play time.

Read through conduct policy. Requested clarification on written policy about coach ejection from a game for unacceptable behavior. Scott Blewitt will also change all policy references to Recreation Director or rec commission, in place of league coordinator (current policy states that any ejections be reviewed by league coordinator). Also requested that the code of conduct replace the sportsmanship policy on the sports conduct policy.

1. **Director updates**

Program registrations going well. Currently offering registration for multi-sport sports camp and soccer camp this summer. Both are challenger programs. Estimates a total of 30 to 40 soccer participants, and 25 multi-sport participants. 19 people have signed up for the adult Easter egg hunt. 24 have signed up for the youth Easter egg hunt.

Two platinum sponsors for the food truck festival, Fidium and diamond mechanical.

March madness basketball is going well. 18 3rd and fourth graders and 12 5th and sixth graders.

Spring soccer Registration underway. Expecting 130 participants. Baseball registration ends in March and Lacrosse registration goes through the end of March.

Summer recreation position posted. Finishing paperwork for sand placement at Mary Waldron and Bennett's Bridge. Sand at both beaches will depend on the budget. Each permit is approximately $600. Sand will also need to be purchased.

Wade Sauls requested permission from Scott Blewitt for Friends of Northwood recreation to move forward with a spring cleanup at the athletic fields. Two spin cups will be installed at the upper playground, in addition to a layer of bark mulch. Scott Blewitt requested that playground mulch be used. The benches in front of the upper playground will also be repaired.

Waiting on the map from John Newman with the updated Athletic Field schematics. Future additions to the facility can be easily mapped out and placed, once the map is available.

Matt Frye has almost completed his survey with questions around future facility creations and improvement. Survey will include questions regarding use of current recreation facilities, as well as request for future facilities.

Justin Miller had questions about winter plowing schedule of field complex. Also had questions about future plans for the fields, specifically finishing the upper field. Warrant article on March ballot to purchase loam and seed for baseball field, as well as improve the base path.

Justin Miller motion to adjourn. Beth Boudreau seconded. Passed 4-0.

**Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m..**