

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 05/03/2022

Approval: awaiting

Recorded by: Ashley Martin and Janice Coffill

Submitted by: Ashley Martin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Matthew Frye, chair, Janice Coffill, secretary, Dave Ruth, Wade Sauls, Ashley Martin, Scott Blewitt. Selectman representative: Beth Boudreau

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jessy LeBlanc, Viena Dow, Katie Turcotte

Meeting schedule start: 6:00 pm

Actual start time 6:03 PM.

Meeting Scribe: Janice Coffill and Ashley Martin

Approval of April meeting minutes

Amendments were made to reflect April's meeting discussion about the request for mowing coverage of Johnson's fields by Black Bear Lacrosse. They have covered a port-a-potty at the site. Discussed stopping weekly mowing of Johnson's fields during the summer, as there are no summer sports at that location. Black Bear ends late June. Ashley Martin to discuss with Sam Johnson, as this might allow the main field to be hayed as well. Field will be put back into rotation for fall sports. Scott Blewitt will plan to send a letter to Black Bear requesting coverage of mowing costs.

Beth moved to approve meeting minutes, Wade Sauls seconded. Approved 6/0

Recreation Director updates

Completed and in-progress program review:

-Easter Egg hunt had approximately 80 cars, estimated 200 participants. 5000 eggs placed. 12-15 Coe Brown volunteers were present to help with setup and parking. Wade Sauls estimated that 20 cars were parked on the lot, and 40 cars parked on the roadway. Police presence assisted with traffic flow, and parking. Positive feedback from participants.

Archery has been popular. 3rd session is full with 12 archers.

Spring soccer: 133 players. 5630 revenue from program. Shirts were provided to participants, for 12\$ each. Discussed alternative local companies who provide jerseys. Scott Blewitt will check cost at other companies, vs current shirt company.

Antique Alley craft fair planned for May 21, from 9 am-3 pm. 18 vendors have signed up. Will be held at the Town Hall. Rec department will sell hot dogs, and left over equipment from sports yard sale. Port-a-potty is available at town hall facility. 30\$ to enter booth. Beth Bodreau suggested reaching out to the library to see if they wanted to participate, provide child activities.

Rec will now start using online background check program for coaches. 35\$ online fee, paid by the rec department. Hope is to prevent delays associated with fingerprinting. Will notify rec director of any future flags.

Derti event to benefit Northwood recreation. Katie Turcotte discussed. 3K course, 1.8 miles, with 17 obstacles. Event is to be held Saturday, July 9th. Rolling start time from 9 to 11 am. T shirts for adults, rubber wristband for kids. Volunteers needed for course. 32\$ for adults, 17\$ (? Cost) for kids. Family deal 85\$, for 2 parents and children.

Lindsey Puppet pals at Northwood Beach 7/21

Lantern Light camp fundraiser/community cook out dinner 9/17, from 5-7 pm. 18\$ person. Children 12\$. 55\$ family deal. Camp will provide food. Primarily hot dogs/hamburgers, also beans and salad. Silent auction to benefit Northwood Recreation.

Fishing derby planned for May 7th, 12 children had signed up online at time of meeting. Discussed probability of multiple drop-ins. 100 fish ordered. Plan to use trophies from ice fishing derby. Matt Frye and Wade Sauls will attend to help with fish collection and documentation. Derby planned from 8:30 to 11 am.

Financials: debate about programming budget use, verses revolving fund use. Beth Bodreau suggested creating a policy to help prevent confusion. Matt Frye reminded rec commission is advisory, and rec director is in charge of creating and maintaining rec budget, with suggestions from the commission.

New Programs: rec commission provided suggestions for new program options. Senior program, adult softball, preschool programming, adult programming and non-sport related elementary program were all suggested

Field Construction updates:

Pods were moved from previous location at fields. One was sent to the transfer station, and one was moved to the edge of the parking lot, by the lower playground. Committee members expressed concern about loss of parking. Scott Blewitt will discuss an alternative location with Chris Brown.

Friends of Rec purchased picnic tables for wooded area by lower fields. Cleanup for wooded area on 5/7.

Scott and Chris will obtain bids for blasting estimates at upper fields. Viena dow requested use of some stone for stone wall at garden, next to playground.

Playground equipment update provided for lower fields. Kompan is delivering this week.

Discussed proper channels of communication for continued playground and field improvements

Capital Improvement Plan:

Due first week in July. Decided to reevaluate in June.

Master Plan:

Matt Frye offered to head up Rec chapter of Master Plan. Will include public input for a needs assessment.

Departmental Mission statement reviewed. Scott Blewitt has attached to rec department website. Discussed possibility of subcommittees to increase productiveness at meetings, and move goals forward between meetings. 1 year with current Rec Director. Discussion with Scott Blewitt about goals of the commission and department, and plans moving forward/expectations of rec commission and the director.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM