

# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 06/07/2022

Approval: awaiting

Recorded by: Ashley Martin

Submitted by: Ashley Martin

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Meeting schedule start: 6:00 pm

Actual start time 6:02 PM.

Meeting Scribe: Ashley Martin

## Approval of May Minutes

Wade Sauls requested to amend the minutes to specify that there were approximately 20 cars parked in the back lot on the upper field. Dave Ruth made a motion to approve amended minutes, Wade Sauls seconded. Minutes approved 5-0

## Field complex updates and discussion

The town has not yet requested quotes for blasting. Commission members suggested asking selectman Tim Colby to come to the fields to help determine what request for work order should entail. Original plans included a full size football field next to current fields.

## Storage Solutions

Request for a storage facility was part of the recreation department's ARPA fund request. Current pod does have a leak. Concern that pod will limit parking in its current location, as parking is difficult at the fields during fall soccer. It was decided that commission members will look at alternate locations during the playground build on June 18th.

-Playground installation on June 18 at 8 AM. Scott Blewitt has ordered the cement, pallet to be delivered this week. Friends of Northwood Recreation will cover cost of cement. Commission members will ensure that the water cube and cement mixer are at the fields before the build. Wade Sauls will purchase 4 Sauna tubes for the concrete in the equipment holes, and wood to help outline the location for the upper porta potty cement pad. Discussed desired location of concrete pad with Scott Blewitt. Friends of Northwood Recreation will also cover cost of the wood and tubes. Scott Blewitt requested volunteers for the installation.

## Recently completed programs

Soccer will finish on June 11. Archery completed.

## Upcoming Programs

Registration is now open for fall soccer.

Fall vendor craft fair scheduled for October 15, 2022. 12 vendors have committed.

Puppet show on July 21 at Northwood Lake

Fort building camp on July 5

The Dirti obstacle fundraiser has 5 people signed up, at this time.

2022 flag football will be absorbed by Nottingham. Participants will sign up through Nottingham. The program will be offered for grades 1 through 8, cost \$97.

Scott Blewitt has requested volunteers and instructors to help teach senior art classes. Also plans to discuss the possibility of Senior trips with Nottingham, to help share bus costs.

Northwood 250th committee is interested in creating a bean pit at the rec fields.

**Policy review:**

Facility use policy was just approved by selectman.

Discussed site-specific policies and signage. In the past, there have been citizen concerns regarding parking at beaches. Most recently, signage was amended to reflect no trailers at beach parking.

Commission suggested creating a policy for maintenance of parks and green space

### **Director Updates**

Swim lines are out at beaches

Electrical poles have been placed at the upper fields. The plan is to put lines underground to the Pavilion. Pole cost was 2500, out of rec budget. Well pump needed before the well is usable.

League coordinator is locking the upper gate nightly at dusk, to prevent further damage to the upper fields. The league coordinator and Scott Blewitt did plant seed and fill in the area that had been dug up by the vehicle at the upper fields.

Discussed naming of Northwood Athletic Fields. Consensus reached that it may be best to name individual fields with plaques to honor families and individuals who helped create fields.

### **Commission updates:**

Ashley Martin requested checking into water quality testing at lakes and ponds during the summer months, to ensure it is completed. Scott Blewitt will plan to discuss with the town administrator.

Discussed purchasing concrete blocks to line the edge of the upper field, to prevent vehicles from driving onto the field. Wade Sauls researched cost of the blocks, and the town would be able to purchase for \$50 a block. Discussed adding a chain in front of access road, to prevent access. A backhoe would be required to remove the concrete blocks from the transportation trailer, and put them where they are needed. Commission members agreed for need to try to purchase something quickly to protect the field, as there has already been damage that required funds to repair. Commission made a motion to suggest expenditure from the recreation budget, if cost of the concrete blocks and delivery was below 2200. Motion passed 5-0.

Wade Sauls made a motion to end meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion passed 5-0

**Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm**