

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022

Attending Commissioners: M. Perkins, L. Umphlett, M. Broneill, E. Mastroianni, J. Holdridge, H. Dugas (late), M. Stark (late)

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director), Christine Dias (Admin/Finance Director), Laura Kayla

Call to Order: 6:18 p.m.

Minutes: October 6, 2022 minutes reviewed and approved (5 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (5 to 0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Laura Kayla has been holding art programs. Discussed a potential program in January/February timeframe to be applied to ARPA. Laura will review dates, come up with a proposed project, along with costs/supplies needed to be presented to the Commission for review.

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:**
 - Tree Climbing event cost returned at \$51/pp. Previously approved was \$1,700 for the event. Motion to amend allocation to \$2,100 made and approved (7-0).
 - L. Umphlett has been working to contact Yawgoo for information on tubing as a potential winter program.
 - Presently Ice Skating dates have not been released, L. Umphlett monitoring to reserve times for North Stonington.
 - Holiday Event – 12/3 Santa event from 2pm – 4pm in process.
- **Facility Use Policy by Community Groups:** Draft is in process with revisions noted; Dir. Fabian reviewing for next steps.
- **Fall Soccer Programs:** 97 players this season between 6 junior and 4 senior teams. Survey requested to be sent to parents for feedback. Indoor information being explore – presently 9 interested in various age groups.
- **Background Checks for Coaches and Volunteers:** Draft presented and will be reviewed by Trooper McCarthy. Discussion on frequency of checks, whether it be 1 year vs. 3 years. 1 year is the preference.
- **October Events:**
 - Family Movie Night: roughly 25 in attendance. E. Mastroianni will begin to research purchasing equipment for the Rec.
 - Light Parade and Block Party: participating in both was a lot for the team; discussion was to focus on the parade next year if it is held.
 - Egg Hunt: PTO festival went well.
- **Family Climbing Night (11/11/22):** Event is scheduled to happen. M. Perkins will monitor as date gets closer.
- **Kitchen Stove Hood:** Tabled to next meeting.
- **Youth Basketball Registrations:** Presently planning on 6 teams; one for each division. Girls teams will be regional; boys games will be in Groton. Program will run December – February.

Dir. Fabian is speaking with Superintendent to explore gym time for practices. AD Ellen Turner has indicated the High School gym is available on Saturdays until noon for a younger program.

New Business

- **New School Superintendent: Use of Gyms:** in progress.
- **Recreation Commission 2023 schedule:** Will remain first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m.
- **Santa Event at the Rec:** L. Umphlett is coordinating reindeer games, a craft, planning for approximately 50 children.
- **Cameras:** they have arrived and will be installed next week for security at the Rec.

New Business Brought Forth by the Commission: None

Public Comment: Class of 2024 Fundraiser – parent night out – can the class use the license for movies to show a movie?

Motion to adjourn 7:47 p.m. approved (6-0)