

North Stonington Recreation Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

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Attendees: J. McGowan, M. Bergel, J. Potemri, E.Mastroianni, Dir. Fabian, C. Dias

Guests: Matt Broneill, Wayne Coats

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NORTH STONINGTON CT

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from February 7, 2019: Approved

Financial Report: Approved

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. Fall Soccer: Reviewed summary report. Opportunities noted for profit realized at the end of the season.
2. March 2019 Vacation Program: topic to be re-visited after lease agreement completed and approved.
3. Duties/Responsibilities for Fall Soccer Coordinators: Review proposed description. Some thoughts/questions for clarification (further discussion at April meeting)–
  - a. Field set-up/line: could the highway department assist with any?
    - i. Potential future budget line item: temporary grounds support/seasonal to assist with maintenance.
  - b. Proposed compensation: appears low for duties and expectations.
  - c. Explore 2 roles – one administrative and one overall coordinator.
4. Winter Wonderland Recap: Suggestions for future programming sheet distributed and reviewed. Overall feedback to incorporate a winter and summer event (2x year) hosted by the Recreation Commission.
5. Ice Rink: Not able to find someone for it. Julie will post on Craig's list for neighboring states.

New Business:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: Will be held Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.; egg stuffing scheduled for Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Julie will coordinate the flyer for distribution in schools April 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. Post on Website April 1<sup>st</sup>. Emily purchase candy/eggs. In addition, will include this year:
  - a. 3 \$20 Vouchers towards future rec program.
  - b. DQ gift cards
2. Rec Field Use/Requests Process: Little league currently use (April – June). Schedule to be confirmed prior to April. Commission requested to coordinate a formal process to request field usage. To be discussed in April meeting.
3. Additional Fees for Rec Programs: Rates have not increased for programs – fees have covered instructor/class only. Commission asked to explore this.

4. Proposed 2019/2020 Recreation Budget Reduced \$10,000: This decision was based on the amount not utilized in previous fiscal year. An additional \$2,000 removed from proposed budget for a total reduction of \$12,000. Total line for programs for 2019/2020 is \$53,000.
5. Summer Playground: Reviewed summary from 2018. Enrollment is low. Program will be run at the firehouse for summer 2019. Some items tabled for April meeting:
  - a. Advertise for Director role:
  - b. Run morning session, afternoon, all day?
  - c. Run throughout the summer (10 weeks)?
  - d. Cost?
6. Hewitt Farm Committee Donation Request: Hewitt Farm has requested \$12,000 for their pavilion. Christine will inquire if the funds need to be spent prior to the end of our fiscal year (pavilion built in full).
7. Matt Broneill Vacancy Appointment: Matt attended March meeting.
8. Frost Crack Seeding of Rec Field: Wayne Coats and Dir. Fabian seeded and fertilized field. Encouraged that this occur multiple times/year. Asked that practices be restricted to areas where fertilization did not occur temporarily. \$1,000 estimated cost, not including labor.
  - a. Little League: Can they place a shed on the field? Discussion at next meeting.
9. Vending Machines in Rec Building: Dir. Fabian will speak with Lathrop Vending for contract information and costs.
10. Recreation Facebook Page: Unable to post/access administrator rights at this time. Julie will make a new group for several administrators.

Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.