

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
Minutes
March 16, 2023

Attending Commissioners: J. Holdridge, M. Broneill, L. Umphlett, E. Mastroianni

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

Call to Order: 6:18 p.m.

Minutes: February 2023 minutes reviewed and approved (4 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (4 to 0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:**
 - Funds used to date \$5,663.80
 - Motion made/approved to proceed with an event at YMCA, not to exceed \$2,000, for either April 15, 2023 or April 22, 2023 (4-0). E. Mastroianni will speak with the YMCA. If unable to reserve for either date will review at next scheduled meeting.
- **Background Checks for Coaches and Volunteers:** Draft being reviewed by Resident State Trooper.
- **Kitchen Stove Hood:** Tabled to next meeting.
- **Youth Basketball Program:** Survey results are in from the basketball program. Inconsistent times/days of practices was noted as opportunity for improvement. Dir. Fabian spoke with the Board of Education chair who indicated the discussion should take place with the Superintendent. Dir. Fabian spoke with the Superintendent regarding practice times/days, explaining the concern with younger children and late practice times. It is an ongoing discussion.
- **Family Skate Night:** Event is on 2/12 saw lower attendance compared to the other two events. Approximately 60 participants.
- **Summer Playground Camp 2023:** 30 have signed up to date; will continue to advertise Early Bird registrations. After Camp programs were brought up. MaryBeth Tavares is exploring three drama camps – June, July, and August. Dir. Fabian will ask for some additional details. M. Perkins indicated would explore an after camp program. Additional information will be provided for review.

New Business

- **YMCA Family Night:** Motion passed to explore April dates; feedback from YMCA pending.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Scheduled for 4/8 at 10 a.m. Egg stuffing take place at 4/6 meeting.
- **Administrative fee policy for Rec Accounts with outstanding balances:** initial discussions on fees for outstanding balances. Tabled to next meeting.

- **Pickleball Quote (298 Norwich Westerly Rd):** three quotes received for a pickleball court, roughly \$2900. Discussions would need to occur at the Community Conversation that is slated for June.
- **Recreation Area Light Replacement:** Quote from supply house to replace lights \$4,170. This would be for poles, on the rec shack, and surrounding lights. J. Holdridge will explore costs for tennis courts only to start, approximately \$800.

Public Comment:

- Kiddie Camp program similar to last year, would there be an interest? L. Umphlett will bring dates/ideas to the next meeting.
- End of School/After School: June 14 – June 21 are slated for half days, does Rec want to explore an after school program for these days? Potentially charge per day, themes each day? For discussion at next meeting.
- Gymnastics/Open Gym event in Waterford: M. Broneill will explore dates and options. Roughly 60-70 kids could attend.

Motion to adjourn 7:32 p.m. approved (4-0)