

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2020

Attendees: J. Potemri, E. Mastroianni, L. Umphlett, M. Perkins, M. Broneill, J. McGowan, M. Delzer, C. Dias, Dir. Fabian
Guests: First Selectman Urgo
Held Via Zoom Meeting
Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: Approved
Financials: Tabled to next meeting
Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. Egg Hunt: Canceled. J. McGowan will post online.

New Business:

1. Before/After School Kid-Care Survey: Results from survey reviewed. 46.6% of people who responded are looking for both before and after school care. 32% looking for after school only. Focus is on currently finding a location to hold before/after school care. C. Dias will work on speaking with the school.
2. Summer Playground Camp: Early registration will be extended to 4/30. First Selectman Urgo inquired about a boost ad on Facebook; commission approved \$50 to advertise. Presently online registrations are:
 - 3 campers week 1
 - 5 campers week 2
 - 3 campers week 3
 - 5 campers week 4
 - 3 campers week 5
 - 2 campers week 6
 - 5 campers week 7
3. Summer Camp Supplies: L Umphlett has started to order things anticipating camp starting in June. Spend to date is \$451.53
4. Rec Field Prep Work: Dir Fabian is in contact with Wayne Coats and Jamie Bruce to work on the fields. Presently waiting for improved weather to begin. Soil has been delivered, equipment has been donated by Jamie Bruce.
 - Question raised about exploring an irrigation system to water fields. C. Dias will speak with the town grant writer to explore any opportunities.
5. Security Cameras: IT Director has reviewed; currently there are two cameras in the basketball area with internal memory cards. Wireless does not presently reach the area.
6. Spring Programs: Ideas were discussed to keep people engaged/moving in time of social distancing. Some thoughts:

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- Send out links for trails in town; people can post pictures of themselves on one of the trails.
- Virtual Art Class (Dir Fabian will speak with instructor).
- Virtual Yoga (Dir Fabian will speak with instructor).
- Town Scavenger Hunt:
 - i. Come up with 10 things and post online; families can post pictures online to show when they've found them.
- Photo contest for all ages.
- "Where's Matt": M. Broneill and family will post a weekly picture in a NoSto location – people can guess where they are.
- Painted rocks: paint rocks like Easter eggs, rocks left around town and people can post pictures with them.
- Travel Bingo: put a BINGO card of things to see/find online – people can complete and post.
- Street Parades: Idea for residents on designated streets to decorate cars and drive thru; streets will rotate.
- Decorate Houses: suggest people decorate their houses, similar to what is done around the holidays. People can drive around to view, perhaps even hold a contest.
- Easter Parade: Easter Bunny travel via fire truck (similar to what the Santa does in December). First Selectman Urgo will speak with the Fire Station to see if coordination is possible.

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m.