

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2022

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

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

Call to Order: 6:22 p.m.

Minutes: August 11, 2022 minutes reviewed and approved (6 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (6 to 0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:** Tree Trails Program overview from August discussed. 19 participants in total attended. Given the harnessing and instruction the appropriate number of participants were there for the event, allowing enough time for them to enjoy. M. Perkins will speak with Tree Trails to explore a Family Night – dates/pricing/headcount. Potential dates 10/14 or 11/4 for roughly 40 participants discussed  
Skate Night: Motion approved (6-0) for 3 skate night events, not to exceed \$1500.  
Holiday/Santa Event: Motion approved (6-0) to hold a Holiday/Santa event not to exceed \$500.  
Movie Night: Motion approved (6-0) to hold a family movie night on 10/14 not to exceed \$100.  
Date pending confirmation of equipment.
- **Administrative Fee Discussion:** Per event/person fee for use of building proposed. Overview would be a 10% registration fee or \$5.00 added to registration. Motion to implement a policy with amendment of 5% admin fee; no min, no max, effective for new programs after 9/1/22 approved (6-0).
- **Hewitt Farm & Rocky Hollow Pavilions (Reservations on-line with updated fee schedule):** Recreation will reserve the pavilion, including fields. This does not prevent people from using field areas.
- **Softball Field Maintenance:** Quote still pending from the Town. Topic moved to next month's agenda.
- **Fall Soccer Registration:** Presently 90 sign-ups. Coaches meeting held 8/27/22. Presently searching for 2 coaches. Games will start on 9/17. Facebook post will highlight need for additional coaches and team contacts happening soon.
- **Recreation Building Walk-Thru with NSVF:** Dir. Fabian, First Selectman, Playground Director and NSVF met to walk-thru the building. Some concerns noted were weeds/shrubs and overgrowth. Nothing noted about the interior of the building of concern; there were some lights not working in the kitchen. Request made that if there is any work done to the building/maintenance related to send Charlie at the Firehouse an email.
- **Movie Night Follow-Up (8/28/22):** Approximately 30-40 people were in attendance. Positive feedback. Next event explore school groups selling pizza/drinks/popcorn.
- **Kitchen Stove Hood:** to be reviewed at next meeting.

#### New Business

- **New Recreation Programs/activities update:**
  - Positive feedback from the Basketball program; 35 participants and will explore Saturdays in September.
  - Dance schedule will be the same as 2021-2022.
  - Soccer Academy will be held for younger players. They are looking to add another coach to accommodate the wait list. Presently 5 on the wait list.
  - NS Light Parade – L. Umphlett will confirm that Rec will do a craft/activity.
  - PTO Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10/28.
- **Background checks for Volunteer Coaches/Instructors:** Information presently has a \$75 fee/person to do a background screening, +\$11.25 for a federal check. E. Mastroianni will look into cost with vendor used. Discussion surrounded who would be required to complete a background screen. One thought was if the person is running a program they would bring in a completed screening. Volunteers the Rec would facilitate a background check. Tabled to next meeting for more discussion.
- **Boy Scout Work Day:** Targeted for 9/24/22. The Troop would clean the floors, prep flower beds, etc.
- **Facility use Policy for Community Groups:** Acknowledgement form for groups using recreation facility; will outline service hours and list of tasks for service hours. To be reviewed at next meeting.

New Business Brought Forth by the Commission: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn 8:08 p.m. approved (6-0)