

North Stonington Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024

Attending Commissioners: Jim Holdridge, Matt Broneill, Mike Stark, Heath Dugas

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director), Brett Mastroianni

Call to Order: 6:19pm

Minutes: March 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes approved (4 to 0)

Financial Report: Reviewed and approved (4 to 0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

USE OF REMAINING ARPA FUNDS: questions about billing for asphalt work completed by Public Works at #298 Norwich Westerly Rd. future Pickleball site

PICKLEBALL COURTS @ #298 Norwich Westerly Rd.: Rotary Club of the Stonington's is prepared to make donation (\$15,000) towards this project. Public Works in process of getting quotes for asphalt overlay of existing basketball court. Rec Director will get additional quotes to surface and line three pickleball courts.

BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY: Rec Director provided draft / outline for a Background Check Policy which was reviewed and discussed. Commission would like this policy implemented by May 15th. Rec Director will work on making this happen. Further discussion at May 2nd Recreation Commission meeting.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: Minimal discussion

New Business:

SUMMER PLAYGROUND CAMP: Approximately 140 earlybird registrations to date

REINSTATEMENT OF \$1,000 INTO BUDGET FY2024/2025: Summer Playground Director Lori Umphlett submitted a letter requesting this after \$3,000 removed during the budget process.

SEPTEMBER 21 FITNESS RUN (5K): Organizer Emily Knowles requested schedule change (AM to PM) for Youth Fall Soccer League, so that more kids might be able to participate in Fitness Run. Recreation Commission doesn't support this request.

MARCH 18 MEETING SUMMARY: Rec Director Fabian gave a summary of this meeting between First Selectman, Public Works Assistant Foreman Alan Ladd, Admin / Finance Director Laura Brown, and Bookkeeper Susan Pike

FIELD MAINTENANCE: Sutherland Organic completed first Spring Treatment of Soccer field, however the Rec Commission wants to cancel this service going forward. Instead discussed doing Spring and/or Fall aerating, overseeding, and fertilizing program in an effort to get better results in the future..

DISCUSSION (initiated by 2nd Selectman Brett Mastroianni) TO MOVE RECREATION MEETINGS TO #298 NORWICH WESTERLY RD. BUILDING: Vote taken (4 to 0) to do so...

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm approved (4 to 0)