

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 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: 6:20 p.m.
Minutes: January 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
 - Upcoming programs include an Art event (dates pending), Summer Theater Camp (summer – dates pending), Easter Egg Hunt (4/8/23).
- **Facility Use Policy by Community Groups:** Draft presented to Commission, reviewed and approved (4-0). Dir. Fabian will share with groups requesting use of the facility.
- **Background Checks for Coaches and Volunteers:** Draft being reviewed by Resident State Trooper.
- **Kitchen Stove Hood:** Tabled to next meeting.
- **Youth Basketball Program:** The program is nearing completion. On-going challenge noted is scheduling of gym time for practices. Can a mater schedule be created by the school? Presently the younger teams are using the church for practices. There is positive feedback from the youth program being held on Saturday mornings. Dir. Fabian will send a survey to parents for feedback on basketball this year; the feedback can be reviewed for possible presentation to Board of Education.
- **Family Skate Night:** next event is on 2/12. There were approximately 80 people at the 1/15 event. Feedback continues to be very positive.
- **Budget 2023/2024 Proposal:** Dir. Fabian will be presenting the Board of Finance & Selectmen on 2/15 at 7 pm.
- **Summer Playground Camp 2023:** Early bird registration reviewed, early bird pricing will be open until April.

New Business

- **Recreation Commission Chairperson:** M. Perkins has resigned as Chair. Nomination made for J. Holdridge to Chair. Motion approved (4-0).
- **Sutherland Organic Solutions:** They are the Company currently fertilizing and treating the Rec Field. Motion to approve contract for another year approved (4-0).
- **Spring Sports (Lacrosse, Softball):** Christine Littlefield has contacted the Rec for use of the field for Lacrosse. She is drafting the formal request and will send to Dir. Fabian. Bob Carlson will reach out to Softball to gauge interest in use of the field as well.

Public Comment:

- After hour's event at the YMCA as a potential program during vacation? E. Mastroianni or L. Umphlett will reach out to the YMCA for pricing and availability.
- The soccer net at the field is ripped – this is the net used as a barrier to the wooded area. Dir. Fabian will review.

Motion to adjourn 7:17 p.m. approved (4-0)