

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023

Attending Commissioners: J. Holdridge, E. Mastroianni, M. Stark, M. Perkins, M. Broneill

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director)

Call to Order: 6:34p.m.

Minutes: September 2023 minutes reviewed and approved (5 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (5 to 0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:**
 - Funds used to date \$8,595.91; \$6,404.09 remaining.
 - Skate nights were proposed.
 - Pickle ball was reviewed and space constraints identified. Additional funds will be needed to create a safe perimeter around the courts. Motion made to address with Selectmen at the 10/24 meeting and “up to \$6,000 of APRA to revamp 298 Norwich Westerly Road for Pickle ball.” Approved 5-0
- **Background Checks for Coaches and Volunteers:** Tabled to next meeting
- **Pickle ball Courts @ 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** Reviewed in ARPA.
- **Fall Soccer Program:** 92 players in the league. Rain has been difficult on Saturdays and make-up games happen during the week.
- **Before/After School program status:** program has been placed on hold until start of next school year. Recommendation made to work with the Director to write all handbooks/documents prior to this timeframe. Discussion surrounding if this is a program Rec should be coordinating – tabled for next meeting for continued discussion.
- **Skate Nights 2023/2024:** last year Rec used \$1,290 for 3 nights (100 people). Currently waiting for pricing/availability.
- **Tennis lights (replaced by Jim Holdridge):** Jim has replaced the lights and is looking at the timer.
- **Five Year Capital Plan submission by Rec Director:** Pickle ball courts were submitted at \$30k; no other items at this time.

New Business

- **Program Administrative Fee for Instructor Led Programs:** Tabled to next meeting.
- **Frights & Lights Saturday 10/21:** Rec is not participating this year.
- **Halloween Egg Hunt 10/28 PTO FallFest:** plan to stuff eggs on 10/25 @ 6 pm
- **Donation of Climbing Wall from school:** the school is donating a traverse climbing wall; motion made to “accept the climbing wall from school” approved 5-0.

Public Comment: How do we get a work order system with maintenance; is there a ticket system that can be used? Dir. Fabian will speak with town about this.

Motion to adjourn 7:33 p.m. approved (5-0)