

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2022

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

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director), Christine Dias (Admin/Finance Director), Brett Mastroianni (Selectman), Ramsey Allen, Heather Gauthier

Call to Order: 6:16 p.m.

Minutes: July 7, 2022 minutes reviewed and approved (4 to 0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (4 to 0)

Correspondence:

- Letter from Carolyn Howell on behalf of North Stonington Volunteer Fire Department reviewed concerning upkeep of building and grounds. The Town will respond.
- North Stonington Light Parade on 10/21 notice received, after discussion E. Mastroianni will reply to acknowledge the Recreation Commission will participate in the NoSto Fest and Light Parade.

Public Comment: Brett Mastroianni reviewed the need for commission discussion/voting and record of a vote in minutes for events and expenditures. The commission is able to hold a special meeting in the event a discussion/vote needs to occur outside of regularly scheduled meetings. Request was made to include a printout of attendees/enrollment rosters as reconciliations occur in Finance.

Old Business

- **Use of approved ARPA funds:** to date \$1,617.77 has been used of the allotted \$15,000. Upcoming Tree Trails event is scheduled for August 16, 2022. Breakdown of the event includes:
  - \$5/participant for the bus; \$700 (\$35/climber) for participants; \$150/chaperone to total \$1,100.00Motion to spend \$1,100.00 to bring 20 participants to Tree Trails approved (4-0)  
Commission will review another event at Tree Trails for the fall during the September meeting.
- **Agenda Item 2, New Business, moved. Recreation Building:** M. Stark spoke with Keith's appliance to obtain a quote for the kitchen/hood. \$50 fee for someone to view the space and provide a quote. Motion to spend \$50 for Keith's Appliance to come and quote the hood system approve (6-0)
- **Administrative Fee Discussion:** Presently there is no policy for fees. Proposed 10% registration fee or \$5. All money would go to the General Fund. Topic moved to next meeting with some additional data and a list of potential programs affected.  
Troop 71 recommended using service hours to clean/maintain facility. Christine Dias will draft/outline a list of proposed volunteer activities for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.
- **Hewitt Farm & Rocky Hollow Pavilions (Reservations on-line with updated fee schedule):** Online reservations are active. Tom Fabian speaking with Hewitt property regarding events presently scheduled. Also being discussed are the types of events that would not be permitted

on the property. One question noted was regarding reservations for the pavilion or field only – is that possible?

- **Softball Field Maintenance:** Softball program is unable to maintain the field and has asked Recreation to support a once a year upkeep. Motion approved to obtain a quote for softball field maintenance (5-0).
- **Fall Soccer Registration:** Sign-ups are open until 8/21. Coaches meeting will take place once registration has closed to coordinate teams, practice schedules, and the start of games.

#### New Business

- **New Recreation Programs/activities update:** several new programs are being added; all listed on the website. The question surrounding background checks/policy was asked. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### New Business Brought Forth by the Commission

- Movie Night is planned for 8/27. The notice is online. E. Mastroianni will select a movie and communicate with the commission for set-up that day. C. Dias will speak with Ledge Light regarding food for sale. M. Perkins will reach out to Class Advisors to inquire about fundraising.

#### Public Comment

- Calendar of events for Troop 71 presented. Their Annual Planning campout at the Recreation building is planned for 9/9-9/11. The Troop is planning a work-day on 9/24. The Troop inquired about hanging an advancement chart on the wall; Tom Fabian will review with them.

Motion to Adjourn 8:16 p.m. approved (5-0)