

North Stonington Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2020

Attendees: J. Potemri, M. Perkins, L. Umphlett, M. Broneill, E. Mastroianni, C. Dias, Dir. Fabian  
Guest: Jim Holdridge

Call to Order: 6:22 p.m.

Minutes: July 9, 2020 minutes approved; August 6, 2020 minutes approved.

Financials: Approved

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- GS Troop Service Project: The troop is planning to finish their project this fall; they plan to paint one of the storage sheds. The commission discussed if there is a need to store the gaga pit inside for winter. Dir. Fabian will explore further.
- Fall Soccer: M. Perkins will coordinate soccer for the season. J. Potemri and M. Broneill will coordinate field set up. Presently teams have been selected and coaches have initiated reach-outs and practices. Field sizes will be determined this weekend.
- Social Distancing activities/challenges: will explore ideas and opportunities for the winter.
- Capital Projects: Recreation has not submitted a request for capital funding at this time. Field irrigation and maintenance was discussed and is something the commission plans to explore further.
- Recreation Facility Usage: commission reviewed the need to actively solicit ideas and programs to be held at the facility. Some initial suggestions focused on a group utilizing the "rubber" room – perhaps a toddler tumbling program or a strength training program. Dir. Fabian will incorporate a reach-out in the next NoSto Quarterly article. The commission discussed events that could be held there, i.e. birthdays, etc. Recreation's capital project for this budget year is a new hood system in the kitchen – an opportunity to utilize the kitchen may bring new ideas and interest.

New Business:

- Fall Programs/Activities: several programs are starting and/or confirmed. All are posted on the website. New this fall is a mountain biking program, targeted to ages 10-16.
- Summer Playground Camp Summary: the program was held for 7 weeks. At most there were 25 children, at least 12 children for a week session. There were five paid councilors. Purchasing the fans greatly helped to keep areas dry. There were a variety of injuries, most were bee stings. There were two children who injured themselves by falling off playground equipment. It is encouraged that when woodchips are delivered in the spring extra emphasis be placed underneath certain equipment. Expenses in total were \$1,137.40.
- Recreation Commission Vacancy (Delzer): Jim Holdridge has submitted his application to join the commission.
- Soccer Coordinator Replacement: All coordinator positions will be advertised on the town website/indeed. Interested people will apply. C. Dias will post both Soccer and Basketball. There will be two coordinators for these programs. The commission agreed to increase the budget to compensate two people instead of one. \$1000 per program noted so that each coordinator receives \$500.

Adjourned: 7:33 p.m.