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Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024

- I. At 7:02 Kate called the meeting to order.
- II. Members in Attendance-Kate Dardinski, Brent Scott, Ryan Guerette, Rebecca Waltz & Jessie Hook
Guests- Seth Hickey, Stratham Parks and Rec Director
Absent- Allison Knab
- III. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting -Brent made a motion to approve the February minutes. All in favor, motion approved.
- IV. Treasurer's report -Basketball referees biggest expense for months.
- V. Report of the Stratham Parks and Rec Director
Stevens park- Seth reviewed discussion from meeting. The current court structure is settling and cracking, need to mitigate current issues. People in attendance wanted more pickleball space, they liked idea of pavilion to provide shade and a mixed use court space. Jessie made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for court crack repair at Stevens Park. Ryan seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
TMAC-Proposing changes to animals at SHP
Food truck festival- Planning underway
Internship opportunity- Seth spoke to a UNH class about a summer internship opportunity. It would be 14 weeks for 40 hours and would cost \$6000. Brent motioned to approve up to \$6000 for intern for 14 weeks. Kate seconded. All in favor; motion approved.
Gaga Ball Pit update- Seth presented to the Select Board about installing 2 new Gaga Pits. They approve of adding them, but want final decision on location of gaga pits.
Youth Sports Update-
Basketball debrief- Reviewed basketball feedback. Seth and Zach will pass on feedback to Basketball board. Will also ask them to attend a Recreation Commission meeting for season debrief. Rebecca will put together a end of season basketball survey to be sent to families.

Spring Soccer-discussed possibility of spring soccer programming.
Dog waste bags at Stratham Hill Park-Seth and Brent have researched options. Discussed idea of QR code at park for suggested donations for waste bags.
Zach and Diane working to fill up the adult activities calendar.
Seth is working on getting information about adult programming opportunities out to more people in the community especially those who are not on Facebook.

- VI. Communications and Miscellaneous: Updated commission members
Motion to approve the slate as stated...Co chairs Kate and Brent, Jessie as secretary, Rebecca as treasurer, Ryan as a member. Motion to renew Ryan for an additional one-year term. All in favor motion approved.
- VII. 2024 Meeting Schedule- First Tuesdays of month at 7pm. No meeting in July.
- VIII. At 8:17 Kate made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor. Approved

Next meeting April 2nd 2024 at 7pm