

**STRATHAM RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

**PRESENT**

**MEMBERS:** Eileen Bischoff, Claire Ellis, Caren Gallagher, Jan Henderson, Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm, Alison Pike and Recreation Director Tara Barker.

**OPENING**

The February 4, 2009 meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission opened at 7:35 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm motioned to accept the January 2009 minutes. Motion seconded by Claire Ellis. APPROVED.

**STRATHAM FAIR**

Recreation Department participation at the Stratham Fair was discussed. It was agreed that the cow flop would not be taken on as there are not enough volunteers to cover the amount of work needed to make it successful.

**BUDGET**

- The revolving account has been reconciled for year end 2008.
- Department revenues in the general budget were up dramatically from the previous year due mostly to the success of the trips.

**PROGRAMMING**

- Several baseball trips have been scheduled for 2009 including the Jim Rice Hall of Fame Induction at Cooperstown, two Red Sox/Yankees games at the new stadium in NY, one trip each to Toronto and Baltimore and a possible trip to Philadelphia.
- A New York City shopping trip was discussed. Still to be determined is the timing of the trip, i.e. October or the Christmas season.
- Tara Barker is planning an International Book program for children where Stratham children would create books to be sent overseas.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Easter Egg Hunt will be scheduled for Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> with a bad weather date of Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party will be coordinated by Cathy Henry.
- Tara Barker will coordinate with Laura Batchelder on the Danielle Harmon Award.
- Day of Caring will be in mid-May. Project ideas for Stratham Hill Park include ice storm damage cleanup, picnic table maintenance, painting projects and garden cleanup and maintenance.

## **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission will be March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm motioned to adjourn the February meeting. Motion seconded by Caren Gallagher. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.