Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

At 7:00 pm, Tracy A. opened the meeting.

II. Members in attendance – Tracy Abbott, Kate Dardinski, Ryan Guerette, Jessie Hook, Sean Kotkowski, Brent Scott Absent – Allison Knab

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director

III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Kate motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Seth presented a rough draft of the Recreation Revolving Fund; he & Kate (Recreation Commission Treasurer) will meet with the Finance Administrator soon to discuss.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Seth reported for TMAC – there is a weather module that can be purchased to allow more accurate reporting on the foot/bike traffic at SHP based on current weather conditions. Kate motioned to approved up to \$950 to be spent from the Recreation Revolving Fund for the one-time purchase of the Eco-Counter weather module, Brent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Seth announced new programming he is offering for the Seniors (Classic Movies twice a month); Senior program funds have been increased in his department's budget for 2023 and were offset by decreases in other areas.

VI. Old Business

Seth discussed the RFP for the Pump Track renovations; Seth is estimating the work will be completed by June 1st. Smyk Park - Seth mentioned there has been some interest in Disc Golf.

Programming – Seth reported on the current Ski Programs, the Community Bonfire held January 7th, and mentioned there has been some interest in both a Field Hockey program and Ultimate Frisbee. Ryan asked about hosting a Floor Hockey camp/clinic for the Middle School kids, maybe in the Spring based on gym availability.

Race Series -Seth requested funds to rent the timing equipment used during the Race Series to be held this year. Brent motioned to approve up to \$1,700 to be used from the Race Series line of the Recreation Revolving Fund for the rental of the timing equipment, Kate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Food Truck Festival – To be held May 6th. There has been conversation about bring in a beer/drink vendor.

VII. New Business

Summer Camp – Seth reported that there will be a new Camp Director this year and some new staff. #areyouin? – Seth reported to the Commission that this organization will be helping us help people who may need some financial assistance to be able to participate in our Recreation programming.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:30pm, Brent motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jessie seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.