

## Town of Stratham



### Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

- I. Kate called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
- II. Members in attendance- Kate Dardinski, Brent Scott, Jessie Hook,  
Guests- Seth Hickey Parks and Recreation Director; Sean Kotkowski  
Absent- Allison Knab, Rebecca Waltz & Ryan Guerette
- III. Consideration of minutes-no minutes were reviewed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report-Ryan provided a copy of expenses; Seth provided detailed spreadsheet of Rec Revolving fund
- V. Report of the Stratham Parks and Recreation Director  
Senior Programing- Programs continue to be full. Upcoming trips- Portsmouth Music hall and Portland Orchestra; both sold out. New programs added including yoga taught by Diane.  
Upcoming activities- December luncheon, cookie swap and 2 Boxwood Tree activities.  
Youth Sports- Basketball registration closed 197 registered participants. Two training sessions held for coaches. Soccer survey was sent to participants -overall good feedback  
TMAC- Held a meet and greet with animal control officer open to the public. New Temporary signage to be put on private property reminding users dogs must be on leash; more signs have been ordered.  
Stratham Hill Park- Baseball field work almost completed, including removal of baseball mounds. Pump track- mowing of pump track to be included in schedule for DPW 2024.  
Stevens park- Test pits completed; Brent, Seth, and Jay Flagg met to look at scope of project. Scope of project, to be reviewed by select board at December meeting. Pickleball committee forming; 25 people attended information meeting. Group discussed need for more courts as there continues to be scheduling challenges between user groups.  
Fall programing- White Pine Wilderness Education program started in November; sold out. Still in talks with Timbernook about programing.  
Winter programing- Pats Peak ski program for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders sold out. Registration for McIntyre K-6<sup>th</sup> ski program is open.

Recreation Department Staff- Diane started recently, she is adding programs and meeting with seniors to determine what they want.

Zach Cherry is nearing 6 months in position.

Seth attended a Financial Sustainability certification program in Concord.

Recreation Commission-Seth met with Legal Counsel to review liability to the town in operating a van. Based on recommendations from Primex the Departments program waivers have been reviewed and revised by Legal Counsel. Select board approval needed.

VI. Old business

VII. New business

Reimbursement for sports boards- discussed sports boards asking for reimbursement for their children's fees.

Basketball rules Discussion-Discussion on players moving up and creation of teams. Bylaws state that players should not be moved up.

Brent discussed reaching out to local Solar companies about feasibility of Solar at places within town.

Dog park- Discussion on a Stratham dog park

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.