

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes November 9, 2021

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

II. Members in attendance -- Tracy Abbott, Kate Dardinski, Sean Kotkowski, Joe Lovejoy, Jeff Simeone

Absent -- None

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director; Laura Batchelder; Joan Gough

III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Kate motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kate reviewed the Recreation Revolving Fund expenses for October 2021; Seth presented the 2021 Recreation Revolving Fund transfer list.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Seth reported that Soccer is going well, 250+ kids participated; Sean stated the Soccer Board has expressed an interest in starting a scholarship fund, possibly for an Exeter High School student who participated in Stratham Recreation youth sports.

Jeff reported that Basketball evaluations are being done this week, teams will also be created this week.

VI. Old Business

TMAC held (2) Work Days at Stratham Hill Park which required materials/supplies. Jeff motioned to approve \$2,667 in expenses for the supplies needed for these (2) Work Days, to be paid for by the Recreation Revolving Fund Race Series line item, Kate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved. The TMAC group is working on creating a list of items that may be included in the 2022 CIP plan for trails; a public forum will be held December 1st for community feedback.

Seth reported that the \$5,400 eco-Counter has been approved and that funding for half of the system will come from another group. Jeff motioned to approve \$2,700 for the purchase of the eco-counter system which will be installed at Stratham Hill Park, to be paid for by the Recreation Revolving Fund Reserve line item, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Smyk Park -Seth said the new regulations for Smyk Park have been reviewed by the Select Board and Chief of Police; discussion included the importance of having a crosswalk installed from the Municipal Center to the Smyk Park entrance.

VII. New Business

Seth introduced Joan Gough as the Pickleball representative; Joan stated that 55 people are signed up to play Pickleball and they play 3 days/week; discussion revolved around ways to play during the winter months and options for adding more courts in the future.

Laura Batchelder was introduced to speak on behalf of the Danielle Harmon Award. Laura will continue to communicate with the 5th graders about the importance of this award and will assist in collecting nominations from the students; Sean asked if we could send a notification/email to our volunteer coaches about this award so that they may participate in the nomination process as well.

Budget 2022 – Seth reported that 2022's budget will be the same as 2021.

Stevens Park – Seth stated that the swings at the Park need to be replaced and he is working on a cost estimate.

Great Bay Food Truck Festival 2022 –Scheduled for May 7, 2022

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:25pm, Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.