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Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022

At 7:03 pm, Sean K opened the meeting.

II. Members in attendance -- Sean Kotkowski, Brent Scott

Absent – Allison Knab, Tracy Abbott, Kate Dardinski

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director; Jessie Hook; Ryan Guerette

- Financials:
 - An update on the Rec revolving fund was provided.
 - Accounts have been consolidated into one revolving fund at TD Bank.
- Seth reported that we are experiencing more demand for indoor space than what we have available. Lack of indoor facility space has led to a reduction in program offerings.
 - SMS is a smaller gymnasium and currently most rec basketball teams only get one 60-min practice on only half the court.
- Seth reported that the Pats Peak program is full
- Discussion around the need for a multipurpose community center for all generations to use.
 - Seth stated that he will create a shared document for all of us to access and jot down the potential uses for a multifunctional community center in town.
 - –creation of shared google doc complete.
 - -Adding potential activities to the list is on-going
- Trail Mgmt Advisory Committee will be hosting a community listening session on January 26th.
- Issues have been resolved with the EcoCounter.
 - Seth provided some ecoCounter metrics for the month of November.
- Request for removal of Story Walk has been sent to Public Works.
 - Something more robust may replaced current Story Walk in the future
- Steven's Park Courts:
 - Seth is working on a request for a Windscreen for the fence and better pickleball nets on wheels.
 - Ongoing discussions with the engineering firm to review scope of Steven Park improvements
 - Discussed improvements: more courts, more parking, pavilion, restrooms, lighting
 - There is already a water well for future restrooms but the water is non-potable.
- Community bonfire is tentatively scheduled for January 7th.
- SHP Pump Track redo

- RFPs have been reviewed.
 - Additional funds necessary
- Conversation around the management of courts and fields
 - Brent recommended a shared calendar that all have access to but only a few can edit. This will make things more transparent, help avoid any time conflicts and confusion.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 10th, 2022 @ 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.