

# **Town of Stratham**



## **Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes February 16, 2023**

At 7:01 pm, Tracy 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 January 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Brent motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Kate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

The Minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Kate motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Jessie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Seth presented a rough draft of the Recreation Revolving Fund and discussed possibly consolidating some of the line items that are currently listed. Seth will continue to work on this with Finance.

### **V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director**

Summer Camp – Seth discussed the issues that happened when Summer Camp enrollment opened online with Rec Desk, it created issues with our credit card payment processing system, which Seth & Jamie are still actively trying to resolve. Seth stated that camp enrollment may be increased to accommodate the people who thought they had registered but, because of the issues with Rec Desk, didn't actually make it into the program.

Senior Programming- Seth stated that due to the popularity of the Bone Builders class, that a 2<sup>nd</sup> class has been added and is at full capacity.

TMAC -Seth said an ordinance recommendation will be presented to the Select Board at their next meeting Tuesday.

Pump Track renovation – Seth reported that the Select Board approved the contract with Powder Horn for the Pump Track renovation; the contract has been sent to the Town's Attorney for review.

Stevens Park -Seth requested funds to be used to purchase new pickleball nets for the courts at Stevens Park. Kate motioned to approve up to \$6,000 be expended from the Field Rental line of the Recreation Revolving Fund, Brent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved. Seth stated that he is also going to look into the cost for a windscreen for the courts at Stevens Park.

Smyk Park – The plaque has been installed.

Programming – Seth discussed all the activities coming up for Spring & Summer. (See the Recreation Department's page on the Town website for specifics).

Basketball – Jamie reported on the Basketball program and mentioned a tournament coming up next week.

Youth Sports – Jamie discussed how his role interacts and works with the Youth Sports Boards. He relayed the importance of being able to make some decisions in-house and how the structure in-place right now doesn't always allow for information being provided in an efficient manner. Jamie discussed structuring the Youth Sports programs as Committees, rather than as Boards, with specific ways volunteers can help outlined for each program. Jamie feels this may help encourage people to volunteer, if they know in advance what they will be helping with; Seth recommends reviewing/revising the Recreation Commission's current By-Laws and look at making some changes in regard to Youth Sports.

#### VI. Old Business

#### VII. New Business

Tracy mentioned that (3) Board member terms will expire at Town meeting in March and that each board position will be up for re-election. Tracy stated that she will not be renewing her term this year.

#### VIII. Adjournment

At 8:49pm, Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting, Brent seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

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