

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024

- I. Brent called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- II. Members in attendance: Allison Knab, Ryan Guerette, Brent Scott, Rebecca Waltz, Jessie Hook
Guests: Seth Hickey Parks and Recreation Director
Absent: Kate Dardinski
- III. Consideration of Minutes: Rebecca made a motion to approve the November minutes as written, Jessie seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.
- IV. Treasurers Report: Ryan updated on Rec Revolving fund. Currently working on October reconciliation. He is working on automating some of procedures and making sure refunds are categorized correctly.
- V. Report of the Stratham Parks and Recreation Director:
Senior Programming- Beginning in December Markey Designs will be creating senior calendars. Will be hosting a First Aid and CPR training for Senior Programming instructors and participants. Potentially will be able to offer to coaches in future.
TMAC-Public forum was well attended. Committee working to revise ordinance based off of meeting feedback. Next public forum January 16th.
Programming-Mid January goal for summer camp to open. Summer camp fees will increase. CIT's will be paid this year. Discussed how much Parks and Rec receives from specialty camps and discussed asking these camps for % vs flat fee per registrant.
Stevens Park- Seth received cost estimate from Emanuel Engineering, came in higher than expected. Looking at scaling back what will be presented at town meeting-pavilion construction, parking lot. Possibly will not include court enhancements/additional courts and additional parking. Seth is getting numbers for additional contractors.
- VI. New/ongoing business
 - a. SAU16 Softball field use request/discussion -Seth spoke to Wendy Spicer recently. He will follow up with her after next baseball/softball committee meeting. Discussed field use requests procedures from other towns. The softball program currently pays Brentwood \$500 per field per season. Seth provided breakdown of field maintenance

costs for each of Stratham's fields. Members of SRC will meet with Seth to work on Field Allocation Policy.

- b. Bylaws and sports handbook next steps-looking at defining Sports Committee roles, some of these roles to be filled by Parks and Rec staff. These can be added as addendum to bylaws. Also to include wording that an individual can hold more than one role and will document their procedures going forward. Discussed level of detail desired on sports planning calendar. Discussed all youth having opportunity to participate in Parks and Rec programing.
- c. Youth Sports Update
Baseball/softball planning meeting -Good turnout, productive meeting. Big interest in softball program.
Soccer survey-sent out 12/3. Plan to use the same survey for next soccer season
Basketball-Discussed Basketball having a 501C3 and selling merchandise.
- d. Discussed Ryan's SHP mapping proposal -Seth suggested bringing it up with Park Association.

VII. At 8:32pm Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rebecca seconded the motion. All in favor.