

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission

January 14, 2025

- I. At 7:02 pm Kate called the meeting to order.
- II. Members in Attendance-Kate Dardinski, Brent Scott, Rebecca Waltz, Ryan Guerette, Jessie Hook, Allison Knab
Guests-Seth Hickey- Parks & Rec Director, Jenn Guyton, Julie Lacasse, Scott Kaiser, David Moore -Town Administer
- III. Consideration of Minutes- Allison made a motion to approve December 4th, meeting minutes. Brent seconded the motion, all in favor. Allison made a motion to approve the December 12th meeting minutes. Brent seconded the motion, all in favor. All approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report-Ryan updated on the Rec Revolving Fund. Explained updated spreadsheets showing how programs are broken out individually and can be easily tracked. Currently updated through October, he is working on reconciling November and December.
- V. Report of Stratham Parks and Recreation Director
Senior Programming-Continue to add new programs- Basic first aid and CPR training 1/15/25. Gene Markey is helping with senior calendar/marketing which allows Zach to focus on programming.
TMAC- public forum 1/16/25, will make recommendation to Select Board in upcoming weeks.
Stratham Hill Park- Ice skating at 4H barn is set up but not freezing.
Stevens Park- Waiting to hear back from additional contractors on pricing.
Programming-
SMS summer camp- sign up dates released, new CIT procedure and selection process.
Summer Camps-Contracts for summer camp sent out, asked for 20% back from contractor's vs \$10 per registration. No feedback from contractors yet.
Pats peak-2 buses, was sold out, a few dropped out due to unforeseen circumstances.
Salt Pump Climbing Program-Second session started.
McIntyre Ski Program-started 1/10/25.

Adventure programing for Adults-Looking to start new programing with help of new UNH intern.

Youth Sports-

Joining SAU16 girls' softball program.

Baseball registration opens next week.

VI. New/ongoing Business

- a. Bylaws- Reviewed /updated timeline of meetings for Sports Boards. Will be added as an addendum to bylaws. Need to add links to sports manuals. After boards have been established they should email parks and rec an official board list including Chair and vice chair. Discussed grievance procedure to be added to bylaws. Complaints should go to first to the coach, followed by sports board, Parks & Rec and then SRC. Goal is to have bylaws finalized soon.
- b. Field Use Policy Review- Discussed Policy, Kate made a motion to approve as written, Brent seconded. All in favor, approved.
- c. Youth Sports-
Basketball Board-Received an update from the board. Lots of 1st and 2nd graders playing. CMS- Refs have been good; helping girls learn rules. Curtain at CMS is an issue, temporary fix could be raisig curtain a little. Kate will follow up with Zach if he is able to raise curtain. Or placing signage to direct people around court. Communication with CMS is challenging. Board wondered if Sundays be available in future for practice.
Discussed 501c3-Jen explained main purpose is for extras such as logo clothing and water bottle stickers. Primary fundraising is done through sponsorships which go through Parks and Rec office. Kate to follow up with Jen on 501c3 name and documents.
Discussed complaint Parks & Rec received with basketball board and coach. Sports board expressed they would like more support on cutting players.

VII. Upcoming Meetings- February 18 and March 18th

VIII. Entered nonpublic session at 7:41pm, concluded at 7:47pm.

IX. Adjournment-8:47