

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes March 17, 2016

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Pam Dziama, Frank LaSorsa, April Mason

Absent: Chris Cavaretta, Jeff Simeone

Special Guest: Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Meeting Minutes

- The February 4, 2016 Minutes were reviewed and discussed. **Frank made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted, Pam seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.**

General Budget

Seth reported that the General Budget was approved at the Town Meeting.

Revolving Account

No updated Budget to review.

Sports Boards

- Soccer – Seth reported that the Soccer Board is looking to add Board Members.
- Basketball – Seth reported that Nancy Pafford will be stepping down as the Head of the Basketball Board and Greg will be taking her place. Seth also reported that the Men's Basketball program is starting to develop a strong group of participants.
- Baseball – The Minors & Majors Drafts were done last night. Seth reported that team selection went very well with the new policies in place to use as a guideline.
- Softball – Registration closes next week, Seth hopes numbers increase the closer we get.

Stevens

Seth discussed EYSA, Exeter Lacrosse, Men's Soccer, and other groups who will be requesting field time this year; the tennis courts are not open yet; and Seth reported that the new irrigation shed was approved at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting and will be constructed by members of the Highway Department.

Stratham Hill Park

- Seth reported that Velo Kids will not be storing any of their equipment at Stratham Hill Park; Stone Oven Catering is still a go for Thursday nights at Stratham Hill Park starting in May.
- The Trail Running series starts May 5th and will run for (5) weeks.
- Seth reported that there have been some improvements made to the parking area at the end of Jack Rabbit Lane.
- Seth announced that Timberland will be participating in Earth Day in May and will help us re-route the trail that runs alongside Dave Short's property; Liberty Mutual was here a few days ago with 50 people who helped with some trail work as well as projects & painting at all (3) locations.

Administrative

- The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on March 26th at 9:00am this year at Stratham Hill Park.
- The Spring Thaw will be held on April 2nd.
- Seth discussed the Summer Program and reported that there are a few job openings still but that he's working on filling them now; Seth that the CIT will be getting a little more involved this year.
- Seth reported that there's a new software registration program which is available and he believes this will be a huge step-up from what we are currently using for registration. The new program is Rec Desk and we reviewed information about the program, it's uses, and it's benefits.
 - o **April made a motion to allow Seth to pursue moving forward with the purchase and implementation of the new Rec Desk registration program, Frank seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.**

Pam made a motion to adjourn @ 8:56 pm, Frank seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 21, 2016 @ 7:30pm at the Municipal Center.