

# **Town of Stratham**



## **Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021**

I. At 7:05 pm, Tracy A. opened the meeting.

II. Members in attendance -- Tracy Abbott, Kate Dardinski, Sean Kotkowski, and Joe Lovejoy

Absent -- Jeff Simeone

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director; Evan Driscoll/Eagle Scout

III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Joe motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Kate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kate reviewed the Recreation Revolving Fund expenses for September/October.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Senior Space- Seth reported that the Senior Center space re-opened today.

Summer Race Series- Seth stated that the timing equipment has been reserved for us for 2022.

TMAC -Kate discussed the interest of the TMAC group in acquiring an eco-counter system to help collect demographic information about the people who use Stratham Hill Park. This system can tell if people are on foot, or on a bike, and will track the day & time people arrived and left. The cost for (1) system/access point is \$5,400. The Recreation Commission offered their support and feel that this information would be beneficial.

Movie Night on October 1, 2021 was successful with more than 60 people attending.

Tree Lighting Ceremony- Seth stated that this is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Community Bonfire -Scheduled for January 8, 2022.

Youth Sports –Basketball -Seth and Sean reported that the Basketball Board has decided to keep our program in the Seacoast League, and a Travel Program will be offered.

VI. Old Business

Pump Track Renovation– Seth is waiting on an update from Seacoast Velo Kids.

VII. New Business

Evan Driscoll, a local Eagle Scout, discussed his Eagle Scout Project which will include replacing the Basketball Hoops and mulching the flower beds in front of the stage at Stratham Hill Park. The Highway Department has offered their assistance. Evan has raised \$3,615.00 so far and asked for the Stratham Recreation Commission to donate the

remaining needed funds. Kate motioned to donate \$985 from the Reserve line in the Recreation Revolving Fund to be donated to Evan Driscoll's Eagle Scout project, Joe seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Stevens Park- Seth is looking into the costs associated with building a new pavilion/structure at Stevens Park. Funds potentially to be used would be a combination of Soccer Reserves in the Recreation Revolving Fund and CIP funds.

Danielle Harmon Award – The Commission discussed next year's nominations and how we could increase the support for this Award and get more people involved. Sean will invite Laura Batchelder to our next meeting to discuss nominating/voting possibilities for next year.

#### VIII. Adjournment

At 8:26pm, Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sean seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.