

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 21, 2020

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

Members In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Sean Kotkowski, Joe Lovejoy/Selectmen's Rep, April Mason, and Jeff Simeone

Absent: Frank LaSorsa

Guests: Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director, Kate Dardinski

- I Reviewed the September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Joe made a motion to approve the September 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes as written; April seconded
 - All in favor, motion approved unanimously
- II Report from the Parks & Recreation Director
 - Seth discussed the Recreation Revolving Fund accounts and stated that Cantrece will be working with Dawna, the Finance Administrator, to reconcile these accounts. Seth stated that a more recent reconciliation will be ready for review within the next couple of months.
 - Seth reviewed the progress being made on the Trail Assessment for Stratham Hill Park; leaf blowing has come back up for discussion, Seth emphasized that some of the trails cross Conservation Easements and this might be prohibited in those areas.
 - The number of reservations at Stratham Hill Park has increased.
 - Seth met with the Seniors for a "Check-In" and had good attendance; Seth & Cantrece will be resuming Zoom calls with the Seniors soon.
 - Seth reported that several programs, including Tai Chi, are sold out.
 - Sean reported for Soccer, the precautions that were put in place worked for the program this season and things went very well; the last day of game play is on Halloween.
 - Seth discussed the new Street Hockey program starting soon at Stratham Hill Park.
 - Seth said there will be a modified program for Pats Peak this year, participants will have to provide transportation to and from the mountain.
 - The Commission & Seth discussed ways to modify this year's Basketball program to best utilize the space we have available to us for this program.
 - Summer programs – Seth mentioned that we may not have the school available to us for the Summer Camp program next year, may consider hosting it at Stratham Hill Park. Typically registration starts in January and Seth warned that this may not be our timeframe for next summer's program.

III Old Business

- By-Laws – Discussed a few changes; Seth will send us a final edited version by November 4th.

IV New Business

- Tracy briefed the Commission on the Select Board's new Administration Policy & Procedure for Appointments to Boards & Commissions. Joe shared some of the Select Boards' insight into the creation of this policy.

V Adjournment

- At 8:30pm, Sean motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe seconded
 - All in favor, motion approved unanimously

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 18, 2020 @ 7pm at the Municipal Center