

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes January 9th 2024

- I. At 7:01 pm Kate called the meeting to order.
- II. Members in attendance Brent Scott, Ryan Guerette, Allison Knab, Kate Dardinski, Rebecca Waltz & Jessie Hook
Guests: Ben Zames, Seth Hickey Parks and Recreation Director
- III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings
Brent motioned to approve December minutes as written; Allison seconded the motion.
All in favor, motion approved.
- IV. Treasurers report - Basketball referees were main expense for last month.
- V. Report of Stratham Parks and Recreation Director
Youth sports- Basketball has started.
Senior programing- Continuing to add new programing- insta-pot cooking, Veterans luncheons, Needle felting series, balance and fall prevention program.
TMAC-animal control officer has left.
Stevens Park- Seth is aiming for a public information session on February 8th.
Programing- Both Pats Peak and McIntyre ski programs have begun. White Pine session two starts 1/10. Community Bonfire-well attended, approx. 200 burned the remaining were donated to a goat farm. Seth is looking to offer youth programing over February vacation. Wilderness first aid course April 6th-7th. Timbernook programming to start in April. Food truck festival May 4th 2024. Take a kid mountain biking day in May.
Afterschool Mountain Bike Club May-June. Summer camp-registration opens next Tuesday; new registration process. Challenger soccer camps to offer two camps this summer. Other camps include -Lego Camp, Flag football camp, teen adventure camp-small groups utilizing van, Kingdom Trail overnight trip in partnership with Amherst Rec. Bi weekly bike trip to Bear Brook State Park.
Recreation Department Staff- Diane and Zach will both have employee reviews by the end of January.
- VI. New Business-
Discussion on allowing cuts in travel basketball program- Travel Basketball coaches were informed they would not be able to make cuts to their travel basketball teams this year. Boys 5/6 travel coaches expressed concerns about having travel teams that were too

large-14 players. Commission By-Laws allow for cuts to be made to travel sports programs. The Recreation Commission acknowledged that teams of 14 could be too large and supports cuts to teams as needed.

Summer camp Registration-Seth was able to walk through a mock registration for camp. The process has been streamlined for users.

Financial Sustainability- Seth shared additional slides from the Financial Sustainability workshop he attended. He will continue to share at future meetings.

- VII. At 8:25 Allison motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ryan Seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.