

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2016

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Pam Dziama, Frank LaSorsa, Joe Lovejoy, April Mason, Jeff Simeone

Absent: Chris Cavaretta

Special Guest: Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Meeting Minutes

- The May 18, 2016 Minutes were reviewed and discussed. **April made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted, Pam seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.**

General Budget

No current General Budget was available to review.

Revolving Account

Seth reported on the Revolving Account with balances as of the end of May; Seth stated that June would reflect monies collected from EYSA and EYLA.

Sports Boards

Seth reported that the new registration software is up & running and the Soccer program will be the first to use this registration process for their program; Seth also reported that the Baseball & Softball programs are done for the season and that the Babe Ruth program is still going strong.

Stevens Park

Seth reported that the irrigation system at the Park had been adjusted and that the fields were very dry. He stated that he isn't sure who made the changes but he fixed the settings to better water the playing fields; Seth reported that the irrigation pump is about to be replaced by Hillside Irrigation with an estimated cost of \$1,800. This expense has already been approved by the Board of Selectmen; Seth stated that the Babe Ruth field will be rested this Fall so that some work can be done on the field; Seth is looking into a rebounder for the tennis court, approximate cost would be \$2,200 installed, and it is a net system rather than a wall; Seth also mentioned that there is a new Thursday night drop-in program for lacrosse games.

Stratham Hill Park (SHP)

Seth reported on some work that has been done recently at SHP – the Gifford barn floor has been fixed by the Highway Department and they also filled in a 40+ foot abandoned well that had had the cover knocked off; Seth stated that the Seacoast Velo Kids program is going strong; we are hosting a Bike Race series which will kick off at the end of July; and the Gordon Barker No Brakes & Fire Tower 5K races will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016; Seth also stated the Forestry Management Plan has been completed.

Administrative

Seth reported that a Family Trip to Salem today had been cancelled due to lack of participation; he stated that all (5) weeks of the Summer Program are full; the Summer shows are held on Friday mornings at SHP.

Tracy made a motion to adjourn @ 8:26pm, Pam seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 @ 7:30pm at the Municipal Center.