

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Brian DeKoning, Sean Kotkowski, Joe Lovejoy, Frank LaSorsa, April Mason

Absent: Sean Burke, Jeff Simeone

Special Guest: Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

General

The Board was introduced to Roger & Wayne who are coaches with the Exeter All-Stars. They are concerned with field availability at Stevens Park and explained that they haven't been able to get a straight answer from the people in Exeter. Seth stated that he has been in contact with the Exeter program and field scheduling is being worked on. Roger & Wayne asked if we would consider waiving the field rental fee as they are Stratham residents. Seth explained that they would need to discuss this with the Selectmen and should contact them about getting put on their agenda.

The December 2018 Minutes were reviewed. Frank made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, April seconded. All were in favor, **motion approved**.

The General Budget was reviewed. Seth will look into why the Programming line has a negative balance.

Seth said the van request has been tabled for now and he will continue to gather the requested information.

Brian discussed the status of the Town's Master Plan, and the Committee which is working on updating the last version from 1996.

Stevens Park

Seth updated the Board on the Skateboard Park project and stated that the funding request (\$265,000) is going to be in a Warrant Article for the Town to vote on in March.

Stratham Hill Park

The upper field at the Park was worked on last Fall and will be wrapped up this spring; Seth discussed a Food Truck Festival he is planning with the Exeter Chamber which will include multiple breweries/wineries and a band/entertainment; Seth said there is an upcoming Eagle Scout project which will include signage at the Park; Tracy updated the Board on the joint Conservation Commission/Stratham Hill Park Association meeting and Sean Kotkowski volunteered to attend the next meeting on March 27th.

Sports Boards

Seth updated the Board on the Basketball program, as well as the Baseball & Softball programs.

Programs

Summer camp registration opened and was full within hours. Seth stated that he has requested the use of the Cafeteria at the school and has been approved by the Selectmen to add 30 kids to the Summer Camp program this year; the Ski programs were successful again this year with almost 200 kids; the Community Bonfire which raised money for the 5th grade class was well attended by approximately 250 people.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe seconded. All were in favor, **motion approved.**

NEXT MEETING: March 7, 2019 @ 7pm at the Municipal Center