

Town of Stratham



February 8th, 2022

I. At 7:06 pm, Tracy A. opened the meeting.

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

Absent – Jeff Simeone

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director

III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Kate motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kate reviewed the Recreation Revolving Fund expenses for January 2022.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Seth reported the following:

- Smyk Property – The next steps include working with the Trustees for the Smyk property regarding signage and the new regulations
- Basketball – There have been some cancellations due to low numbers of players related to COVID
- Baseball – The Board is starting to meet to discuss the upcoming season; Cantrece will be working on ways to reach out to new members
- The Great Bay Food Truck Festival will be held on May 7, 2022 from 12-5pm at Stratham Hill Park. Seth said the expectation is 4,000+ people attending so he will be working with Police Department to review parking and safety.
- Summer Camp – Seth discussed the current payrate structure and requested the Board consider increasing these rates. The Commission showed support for this and requested additional information for the next meeting.
- Community Bonfire – Seth reported that the event went well with over 100 people attending; and 200+ trees were collected.
- Stevens Park – Seth reported that the focus for 2022 will be on parking, facility, and a shade/structure.

VI. Old Business

- The Youth Sports Coordinator role was discussed; Seth will be meeting with Town Administrator, David Moore, to discuss this new position.
- Seth stated that the TMAC group is working on their final report to the Select Board; more research is being done on an Eco-counter; the next meeting is on February 16th.

VII. New Business

- Spring Soccer – Sean reported that the Soccer Board would like to offer a Spring program; discussion included ways to prevent too much overlap between this program and the Baseball/Softball programs.
- Age Friendly Communities Project – Tracy discussed this Rockingham Planning Commission initiative; the first meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd.
- Stratham Fair – Seth discussed the possible ways the Stratham Fair may change this year.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:34pm, Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sean seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 15th, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.