

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023

At 7 pm Kate opened the meeting.

II. Members in attendance- Kate Dardinski, Ryan Guerette, Brent Scott, Alison Knab, and Jessie Hook

Guests—Seth Hickey/ Parks & Recreation Director and Rebecca Waltz

III. Consideration of minutes from previous meetings
No minutes available to review.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Seth noted he is working on getting Ryan access to the report online.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Senior Programing- Seth reported that overall the programs are doing well. While the signups are full not everyone is attending. Could use some more targeted marketing for seniors. The second bone builders has seen low attendance. Jamie has a trip planned to King Arthur Flour May 11th. It still has availability as they have a coach bus for transportation. Coffee socials are going well. Alison Knab will be speaking at the next social.

Youth Sports-Seth reported baseball will be starting soon. A field cleanup day is scheduled for this Saturday. The Wednesday night baseball clinic has been going well. Games are scheduled to start after April break and will conclude before the end of the school year. Work is currently being done of the snack shack by lower baseball field. Field Hockey and spring soccer available for sign ups.

TMAC- Conducted a site walk at Stratham Hill Park to look at completed projects and upcoming projects. Mr. Harrison, from SMS met with them to discuss a project on erosion he is hoping to do at SHP with his students.

Park Association- Seth reported he met with Park Association to review projects. They would like to share the cost of a portable eco counter that could be used a variety of places around the park.

Stratham Hill Park- The pump track has an expected start date of April 24th, completion date June 1st.

Stevens Park- Seth is reviewing windscreen options. Brent noted missing/broken equipment in playground.

Programing- The egg hunt had good attendance. The Food Truck Festival is looking to have The Old Salt provide liquor for the event. There are currently about 25 food vendors. Race series is open for registration. Summer camp planning is going well.

Daniel Harmon Award-Kate will touch base with Laura Bachelder about getting nominations. Seth will get the plaque engraved once we have names.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Windscreen for Steven Park tennis court-Seth has received multiple quotes for windscreens. He is looking to purchase them from Granite State Covers and Canvas in Plaistow who makes windscreens in house. Alison motioned to approve a purchase for windscreens from the Rec revolving fund not to exceeded \$3500. Brent seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

B. Traffic control barricades for special events at Stratham hill Park-Seth is looking to purchase 45 movable barriers; 4 feet tall and 8ft long. These would be used for race series, for the ice rink surround, to block off fire tower when it gets repainted. Overall a resource for the town. Alison motioned to approve up to \$5500 from the Recreation Revolving Fund to purchase traffic control barriers. Ryan seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

- C. EcoCounter device for main parking lot-Ryan motioned to approve up to \$2000 from the Recreation Revolving Fund to purchase a EcoCounter for main parking lot. Brent seconded the motion approved.
- D. Part-time department staffing needs- Seth discussed the staffing needs and is looking for a part time 20/hour a week position to support the department. This position would be able to provide administrative support and help support Senior Programing. Seth will follow up with Finance Director on ability of this position to be funded from Rec Revolving Fund.

8:18pm entered into non public meeting.

8:30pm conclude non public meeting.

At 8:30 Alison motioned to adjourn the meeting, Brent seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 9th, 2023 @ 7pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.