

Stratham Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00pm on May 15, 2019 in the Stratham Municipal Center by Jeff.

Present Members

Seth Hickey, Tracy Abbott, Frank Lasorsa, Jeff Simeone, Brian DeKoning, Sean Burke, Sean Kotkowski

Absent Members

Joe Lovejoy, April Mason

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

- Budget Review of General Fund and Recreation Revolving Accounts
 - Nothing abnormal reported
 - Exeter will be cutting a check to Recreation Commission for Food Truck Festival
- Food Truck Festival
 - 4,000+ people attended
 - Feedback was generally positive and planning is already underway for next year's event.
 - Overall considered a huge success
- Town Recreation Survey
 - 460 responses to date
 - Information will be packaged up to include in the Town Master Plan
- Youth Sports
 - Baseball/Softball
 - Weather has been a struggle this season (lots of rain after late start)
 - Fields have been working out fine with SHP upper field unusable
 - Has been some issues reported around umpires, so conversations are happening about how to make improvements
- Park Projects
 - Liberty Mutual Volunteer Days
 - Helped with setup for the food truck festival
 - Painted various structures around the park
 - Always a success
 - Family Fun Day
 - Currently looking at dates with the PTO for early October
 - Take a Kid Mountain Biking day
 - Sunday, May 19th
 - 400 – 500 kids expected
 - Stratham Fair
 - Seth meeting with the Stratham Fair team to discuss plans

- First night of the fair (Thursday) will include a food truck aisle
- Races at the Park
 - 2 foot races with roughly 65 people entered
 - An additional 3 more-foot races being scheduled
 - To date there are no injuries or lost people on trails
 - Mountain Bike races start after the fair
- Summer Camp
 - All Full
 - Currently working on hiring staff
- Community Trips
 - Norwich Vermont trip for King Arthur Fair is full
 - Allison Knab, Selectwoman, has been appointed to discuss future transportation needs
- Recreation Positions
 - Jeff Simeone up for new 3-year term
 - Brian motioned to approve
 - Frank seconded
 - Passed unanimously
 - Brian DeKoning appointed to Recreation Commission
 - Sean Burke motioned to approve
 - Frank seconded
 - Passed unanimously
 - Sean Burke to be made full-time member of Recreation Commission
 - Jeff made motion to approve
 - Brian seconded
 - Passed unanimously

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm by Jeff. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on July 17th, at the Stratham Municipal Center.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Simeone