

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023

- I. At 7:01pm Kate Dardinski opened the meeting.
- II. Members in attendance-- Kate Dardinski, Ryan Guerette, Brent Scott, Allison Knab, & Jessie Hook
Guests—Seth Hickey/Parks & Rec Director
- III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings
The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Brent made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Jessie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
Ryan reported on items between May 17-31.st. The expenditures included barricades and the 3rd payment to Powder Horn for the pump track. Seth noted that he has since made the 4th and final payment to Powder Horn.
- V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director
Open space Committee-Seth reported that he conducted site visits around town with firm the town has contracted. North Hampton loaned Seth their Parks and Rec van to tour the locations. Working on mapping for potential trail connections. Next steps involve getting public input.
Food Truck Festival-Seth reported that the final numbers for the Food Truck Festival were \$24,680. Money goes to rec revolving fund.
Department staffing—Program Coordinator Zach Cherry is into his seconded week, going well so far. Program assistant position has not been filled.
Pump Track completion/updates ---Overall feedback has been good. More signage will be going up for expert obstacles on track. Mobile counter will be at the track for June. 3420 in pump track Sunday of bike race. Next steps include determining maintenance schedule for track.
- VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

Reimbursement agreements for Department Staffing--

Allison made a motion to support the Program Coordinator position not to exceed \$22000 annually with a prorated amount of \$10820 for 2023 to be approved annually by the Recreation Commission. Brent seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

\$10820 to be transferred to the general fund on July 1st.

Consideration of any other business that might come before the Commission --Brent discussed need for more guidelines for Pickleball.

RC Planning discussion -- Discussion on goals of the RC and long term planning.

What additional programs should be added to meet needs of our community.

Current program costs.

Current need/goal would be transportation. A van would enable the recreation department to provide their own transportation for events.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:41 Kate made a motion to adjourn meeting, Allison seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.