

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes June 14, 2022

I. At 7:05 pm, Tracy opened the meeting.

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

Absent – Allison Knab

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director

III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Sean motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Kate seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kate reviewed Recreation Revolving Fund expenses for May 2022.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

The Stratham Recreation Department's share of the Food Truck Festival profits was over \$15,000. The Commission discussed potential uses for these funds.

TMAC has a meeting tomorrow; Seth has an eco-counter which may be installed at Stratham Hill Park; Seth stated that Trail Patrol is being considered.

VI. Old Business

Seth reported that interviews will be held tomorrow for the Program Coordinator position.

The Commission discussed the need to add a 3rd person to the Recreation Department staff. This is due to the increasing interest in Senior Programs, Family Trips, and other activities overall. Seth will discuss with Finance how this position could be funded.

VII. New Business

Seth let the Commission know that Nancy Hunter resigned as a Recreation Commission member.

The Summer Camps are almost full, all the staff came back, and the CIT program has been well received and is in high demand.

Seth stated that the reservations process/fees may need to be addressed. Some of the larger activities held at Stratham Hill Park require a lot of the Recreation Department staff's time and perhaps should be billed differently than other reservations.

Seth stated that the DPW requested \$7,600 from the Recreation Department to fund an in-field drag machine, discussion followed. Seth said he will check into other funding sources as well. Kate motioned to approve up to

\$7,600 to be paid from the Field Rental line in the Recreation Revolving Fund for the purchase of an in-field drag machine, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Board positions on the Recreation Commission will be decided and voted on at our next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:20pm, Sean motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.