

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022

I. At 7:04 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 June 14, 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

The Treasurer's Report was not available.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Seth reported that the Summer Recreation Camp and the summer Specialty camps are well-attended; Seth also recommended that we look at the fees we charge per participant for these Specialty camps as no changes have been made in years.

Summerfest will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

VI. Old Business

TMAC –Seth reported that as of July 18, 2022, the Jack Rabbit Lane parking lot will be limited to Stratham residents only, Transfer Station stickers will be used as proof of residency; Seth mentioned that a demo eco-counter has been installed at Stratham Hill Park to test out the product; TMAC meets again tomorrow night.

Age Friendly Communities – The last meeting held was the public forum; no updates as of today.

Seacoast Velo Kids has offered to donate the funds that they have raised for the Pump Track remodel to the Town. The Commission would like the Town to accept these funds, and the Recreation Commission would like to contribute additional funds, so the project can move forward. The additional funds the Commission discussed using are the funds that were generated by the Great Bay Food Truck Festival.

Kate made a motion to support the acceptance of these funds and requests that this be brought to the Select Board for formal approval, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

VII. New Business

The Commission discussed the need to add a 3rd staff member to the Recreation Department team to help support the current programming, the new Senior programming, and to allow for future growth of the Department. Seth reported that there will be a Master Plan meeting soon to discuss Stevens Park and possible parking lot improvements, tennis courts expansion, and a pavilion.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:00pm, Sean motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 @ 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.