

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

I. At 7:04 pm, Tracy A. opened the meeting.

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

Absent -- Jeff Simeone

Guests -- Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director, Cantrece Forest/Program Coordinator

III. Consideration of Minutes from previous meetings

The Minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Joe motioned to accept the Minutes as written, Sean seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kate reviewed Recreation Revolving expenses for July & August. Cantrece stated that she would be updating this account list on a monthly basis and will reconcile with the Finance Department at the end of each quarter. As of the end of August, Summer camp had revenue of \$64,895.62 and expenses of \$40,875.52. Seth clarified that the Explorer Post line item is managed by the Police Department.

V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Recreation Director

Youth Sports –Soccer has one of our largest number of participants this year, approximately 250 kids; Sean stated that we were able to offer a new 5-6 girls only team for this year.

A local organization donated \$2,500 to the Recreation Department to be used for "soccer & softball programs, equipment, jerseys & field space"; a separate line item will be created in the Recreation Revolving Fund for this donation. Sean made a motion to accept the \$2,500 donation, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

The Basketball program is lacking facility space this year and will be a major factor in how this year's Basketball program is set up.

Seth reported that the Baseball program has expressed some interest in combining the 5-6 group and Babe Ruth with the Exeter Baseball program.

Seth discussed the (3) days of summer camp that were cancelled due to a COVID-19 issue and mentioned that parents were looking to be refunded for the missed days. Kate made a motion to refund the families who missed the last (3) days of Week 4 at Summer Camp, Sean seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Sean made a motion to also pay the Summer Camp staff for the (3) missed days, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

VI. Old Business

Seth reported that the Senior Center space is not open yet, but Senior activities are being held.

The Pump Track Renovation group has raised approximately ½ of the money to do the project; the Commission discussed several ways to fundraise and will discuss in more detail at our next meeting.

The new Smyk Park Ordinance was presented for review. Kate made a motion to accept the new Smyk Park Ordinance as written, Sean seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. The Smyk Park Ordinance will now be moved on to the Select Board for review.

VII. New Business

Seth requested that we lease the timing equipment for next year's Race Series. Sean made a motion to approve up to \$3,500 from the Race Series line item to be used for the leasing of timing equipment for next year's Race Series, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Wi-Fi was an issue at the last Race Series and did not work. The Commission gave Seth the authority to start looking at Wi-Fi vs. Hotspot options & pricing for Stratham Hill Park. Seth discussed an Eagle Scout project which would include replacing the basketball hoops at Stratham Hill Park.

VIII. Adjournment

At 9:20pm, Sean motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kate seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Stratham Municipal Center.