

# **Town of Stratham**



## **Stratham Recreation Meeting Minutes September 23, 2020**

At 7:07 pm, Tracy A. opened the meeting.

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Sean Kotkowski, Joe Lovejoy/Selectmen's Rep, April Mason, & Seth Hickey/Parks & Recreation Director

Absent: Frank LaSorsa, Jeff Simeone

### **I Reviewed the August 19, 2020 meeting Minutes**

- April made a motion to approve the August 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes as written; Sean K seconded
- All in favor, motion approved unanimously

### **II Report from the Parks & Recreation Director**

- Senior Programming – Seth did another check-in with this group, attendance was good.
- Reviewed the Parks & Recreation Department Dashboard & program offerings.
- The Trail Assessment is being finalized and will be reviewed at the next joint meeting of the Conservation Commission & SHPA.
- Discussed Halloween and the CDC's recommendation to not hold Trick or Treating this year.
- Sean reported for Soccer –the program is going well; all age groups are being hosted at Stevens Field and enrollment is almost at last year's levels. Board members have been attending more events this season due to the COVID requirements necessary to run this program.
- Seth stated that we will probably not be able to offer a Basketball program this year. As of now, the School isn't allowing in any outside groups.
- The Pats Peak program may be adjusted this year to help people participate; busses might not be an option for this program.

### III Old Business

- Seth will forward the newest version of the By-Laws to the Commission members for review.
- Seth will forward the newest version of the Recreation Revolving Fund Policy to the Commission members for review.

### IV New Business

- Seth presented a 2021 Budget Form to show some of the actual 2020 expenses vs. 2021 proposed budget differences. Seth noted a few line items which the Selectmen have recommended be paid out of the Recreation Revolving Fund Reserve line rather than the Parks & Recreation Department's General Budget. These include: Memberships, Staff Training/Education, Rec. Uniforms, and may include Special Events. The Commission discussed these changes and the effects it may have on being able to host Special Events due to a lack of consistency in the Reserve line funds. Another change recommended by the Selectmen is increasing the \$4 participant fee to \$5 per participant. This fee is currently paid on an annual basis to the Town from the Recreation Revolving Fund and is used to offset the Department's General Budget expenses.

### V Adjournment

- At 8:35pm, Sean motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe seconded
  - All in favor, motion approved unanimously

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday October 21, 2020 @ 7pm at the Municipal Center