

NB Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
6:00pm in the Recreation Department Office

Staff in attendance:

Mike Sindoni and Sheri Moloney

Commissioners in attendance:

Chris Hall, Katie Hawkes, Helen Fanning, Dan O'Brien, Lynn Wawrzyniak,

Commissioners absent: none

Select Board Member/Commissioner Ex Officio: none

Visitors:

A. Call to Order, approve meeting minutes for October 18, 2023; approved unanimously.

B. Appointments: none

C. Old Business

- Brick Contractor for fall installation is Mikola Outdoor Services
 - 11/17 meeting to review the scope of the project
 - Looking to see if the town can assist with the tree
 - Moving the picnic area and bricking underneath it to assist with mowing
 - Fundraising will cover the cost of the extra blank brick and the walkway install. It also raised awareness about the gazebo roof.
 - Looking to order in December
 - Waiting to hear back from the brick company about the smaller 4"x4" ceramic keepsakes
- Mini-Splits for White Buildings
 - Units are delayed at the manufacturer. The new model is behind in production.
 - AC units will be removed in the near future and patch the holes. (May need to patch the exterior with siding. Will wait and see.)
- Pathways to Play pilot project
 - Next group meeting is 12/6 at 10am at
 - the Southern NH Planning offices in Manchester
 - Windham Playground tour. Mike and Sheri spoke with Cheryl, Director of the Windham Recreation Department. She is willing to help once we get our process underway. (Cost was about \$400,000 total cost. LOTS of fundraising. ~ 1 year old. Meets requirements for new, inclusive playgrounds.)
 - 34 responses to the 2nd survey that was sent out. Survey link is in the NBCS newsletter and will be shared on Facebook pages.
- Town Administrator hiring update
 - Potential candidate declined offer
 - Position will be reposted. Timeline is undetermined.

D. Financial

- QuickBooks Report as of 10/31/23
 - Accounts Receivable -
 - Profit and Loss shows - Increases due to more trainings, a septic clean out, and investments/replacements in programming equipment. Still owe about \$6,500 for the mini-splits. July-October grounds-keeping fees (~\$4,000) have been paid out of the revolving account and not the operating budget due to the default budget status. We are about \$7,000 up from last year.
 - Donation account shows about \$27,000, most of which is fundraising monies for the gazebo roof and brick walkway projects.
- Finance Committee feedback on 2024 proposed operating budget
 - Discussion focused on salaries and step increase and how it is reflected in the budget (52 week instead of a 39-week window) No other questions were asked.
- Baseball & Softball budget
 - Softball (fall and spring combined) typically brings in ~\$5,500. Overall loss of about \$1,100 this past year (not including monies used from the donation account). Fewer girls playing this past year.
 - Baseball saw more team sponsors and an increase in the number of players. Overall loss of about \$600 this past year (not including monies used from the donation account).
 - Fees
 - Baseball Committee has requested to increase the fee by \$25.
 - Commissioners voted unanimously to increase the fees by \$10.
 - Tball to remain the same at \$65
 - Baseball to \$105
 - Softball (6U) to \$75, (8U) to \$95, (10U&12U&14U) to \$105
 - Scholarships, payment plans, and financial assistance is available for those who communicate the need.
 - Commissioners would like Mike to communicate to both boards about the financial status of each program.

E. Programming/Events

- Playgroup
 - 8 families have paid, only 4 have been showing up regularly
 - Program runs through 12/18
 - Sheri will send a survey to families to see interest/concerns with day/time
- Halloween Wrap Up
 - Went well!
 - Trunk-or-Treat was very successful with good participation
- Tai Chi program proposal from a Francistown program looking for space.
 - Tues and Thurs evenings, 6-7pm
 - Beginner to advanced
 - Ages 15+
 - Currently \$60 one class per week, \$90 two classes per week. Would need to increase a bit to include building use fees.
 - White buildings are available
 - Commissioners are in favor of giving the program a try. Possible start in January.

- Lip Sync
 - Registration starts 12/4 at noon
 - Sheri will update the registration form to include that judges will be looking for lips actually moving/singing
 - Move Woody to the ground with a podium
 - Have an adult act or two to break up the program (open show, intermission, close show)
- S'mores with Santa 12/2
 - Helpers arrive at 3: Dan, Katie, Chris, Emily Byam, Bryce Johansen
 - Tree Lighter (4:15pm): Colin Ormond
 - Wood: Dan, Helen
 - Decorating tree and gazebo 11/29 @ 4:30: Dan, Chris
 - Fire Pits: Dan, Lynn, Katie
- PTA Wreath Pick Up bus use 11/17 in Franklin
- Bus will assist with PTA Dental Day in March

F. Facility/Grounds

- Ice Rink
 - Assembly 11/19 at 9:00am
 - Cistern plan has been okayed with Frank F.
- Tick Treatment for ball fields
 - Prepaid 2024 for a discount \$1520 (2023) quote \$1569 (2024)
 - 3 treatments at Old Coach and at Town Hall
 - Some residual mosquito reduction as well
- Old Coach Field
 - Need to get the batting cage down prior to snow – waiting for the sign to get out of the shed – waiting for the steel to be delivered/installed

G. Other Business

- Office closed 11/23 & 24
- Office closed 12/25-27
- Commissioner Dinner 12/11
 - Bus to leave at 5:30
 - Reservation is for 6:00pm

H. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A: 3, 11, (a) (b) (c)

I. Next Meeting – January 17, at 6:00 pm @ Old Engine House

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Wawrzyniak