

NB Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2023
6:00pm in the Recreation Department Office

Staff in attendance:

Mike Sindoni and Sheri Moloney

Commissioners in attendance:

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

Commissioners absent:

Katie Hawkes

Selectboard Member/Commissioner Ex Officio

Jenn Brown

Visitors:

A. Call to Order, approve meeting minutes for March 29, 2023; approved edited minutes unanimously.

B. Appointments:

C. Old Business

- Programming Ideas for specific demographic areas. May want to partner with other existing town groups such as WFL, Scouts, Rail Trail, 4th July Committee, etc....
- Target areas with least amount of programming first and then expand into other areas.
- Next steps involve thinking of logistics.
 - Birth-3
 - Playgroup: need a person to organize (mom/dad-type)
 - PreK-K ages 3-6 *Big Need*
 - Dance and movement
 - Outdoor fun (simple games focus on turn taking, how to play)
 - Elementary/middle school

- Fitness Awareness (like a gym class/field day once a month)
 - Cooking
 - Volleyball intro clinic (off-season)
 - Field Hockey intro clinic (off-season)
 - Lacrosse intro clinic (off season)
 - Other ideas: sensory friendly events (smaller), home alone safety, Trades/construction show-n-tell or try-it, running club
- Teens *Big Need*
 - Themed Social Event (need ideas)
 - Cooking
 - Rec Dept. hosted Trips
 - Other ideas: home alone safety or beginning basic finance classes, talent show
- Adults/families
 - Cooking healthy
 - Adult lip-sync
 - Other ideas: cultural cooking classes, guided hikes on trails in town, preparing your kids to be at home alone/safety, DIY easy home repairs, family camp-out in gym with movie, adult dance/lip sync/trivia/comedian, summer picnic w/yard games, river canoe/kayak trip, talent show
- Seniors
 - Tech Support (FaceTime, Zoom, Voice Text, Scams, etc....)
 - Granite VNA collaboration and WFL
 - Cooking for One
- June Retreat will be June 14th, at Helen Fanning's house. Keith Gentili is willing and available to facilitate the retreat for the Commissioners. **Lynn** will be in touch with him as the date gets closer. **Mike** will communicate an invitation to the Select board.
- Electronic Sign Collaboration with Emergency Management and SAU
 - Scott Gross, SAU Business Administrator, shared that the new board is not really keen on using ESSER funds on an electronic sign.
 - FEMA grant is a long shot for this year, Dan MacDonald said that 2024 might be more feasible. (perpetual grant)
 - Invite a school board member to be a part of the committee to keep the board apprised of the process.
- Brick Contractor for fall installation.

- July 5 is the cut-off for orders
- Will need to reach out to contractors for new quotes. Previous quotes requested did not prove to be successful because the project was deemed too small.
- Need to get bricks in this fall. Some people ordered bricks almost 2 years ago.

E. Financial

- QuickBooks Report as of 3/31/23
 - Accounts Receivable – Total due \$14, 836.50. Majority is due to outstanding Camp Coolio fees (~\$12,000.00).
 - Profit/Loss – major expenses were due to purchasing new equipment for baseball and softball (\$1460.84), league fees for basketball (waiting for referee refund of \$825 from the league), and the playground tunnel repair (\$2188.72).
- Purchase Quick Books software through revolving account
 - Annual fee for online version \$660.00.
 - Usually funded via the operating budget. Desktop version goes away and can't be updated at the end of May.
 - Commissioners voted unanimously

F. Programming/Events

- Easter Event Wrap Up
 - Delayed one week due to weather
 - Good crowd in attendance and received good feedback
- Camp Coolio - July 5 through August 11
 - Staffing - have hired a 6th counselor! Jackie Reid will be offered the assistant director position. All counselors are past Camp Coolio kids!
 - Enrollment – Sheri has added some families off of the wait list. We will be very close to last year's numbers for each week.
- After School Program
 - Advertising for Director/Asst Director – ads will run in the New Boston Beacon, on Face Book, and email broadcasts. May have an in-house applicant for the Asst. Director
 - Benefits – currently get paid federal holidays, pro-rated vacation and sick time (work a minimum of 18 hours/week)
 - Pay range Director \$20-\$22/hour with benefits listed above

- Pay range Asst. Director \$15-\$17/hour with benefits listed above
- Discussion among commissioners regarding increasing pay rate vs. maintaining benefits.
- Pickleball – free for last session
 - Current session ends on May 2nd
 - May 9 – June 16 last session
 - Most people are doing drop-in for \$2, don't want to sign up
 - Using school's nets
 - Our only expense is occasional balls/paddles
 - Enrollment drops as weather warms
 - Trying to gauge interest for continuing over the summer outdoors: behind school in the basketball court or in front of white buildings. Need permission to use nets outside.
- Spring Golf
 - Mike has reached out to Stonebridge and has not heard back
 - Mike has reached out to Crotched Mountain and has not heard back
- Spring Tennis
 - Julie Kirkland is interested and will work with Mike
- Archery
 - NE School of Archery – Mike has reached out and has not heard back
 - Phoenix Archery – Mike is waiting for contact information

F. Facility/Grounds

- Skate Rink
 - removed 4/7
 - thanks to ice crew
 - New Boston Pizza donated pizza to the crew. **Mike** to send thank you.
- Field Clean Up Day
 - Held 4/15
 - Thanks to coaches, parents, and players for their help!
 - Fields look great!
- Old Coach field treatments for weeds, fertilizing, etc. will begin next week
- Softball field will be watching for weeds coming up in the infield and will be treated once needed.
- Tick Treatments will start next week at both fields

G. Other Business

- Mike out April 24-28

H. Non-Public

I. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 24th at 6pm, Old Engine House