

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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Old Engine House**