

NB Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
6:00pm in the Recreation Department Office

Staff in attendance:

Mike Sindoni and Sheri Moloney

Commissioners in attendance:

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

Commissioners absent:

Visitors:

Shaunna Babcock – Camp Coolio Director, Jenn Brown

A. Call to Order, approve meeting minutes for February 22, 2023; edited minutes approved unanimously.

B. Appointments:

- Shaunna Babcock – Camp Coolio Director provided an overview of her plan for the summer. There will be a balance of both structured and unstructured activities. Theme weeks include Wonderful Water, Forts & Fairies, Amazing Arts & Exploring Sports, Food & Farms, We Love NH, and Celebrate Summer. Field trips will take place on either Tuesday or Thursday of each week. Field trips have been matched to the weekly theme.

C. Old Business

- Volunteer Appreciation Event – Would like to include volunteers and team sponsors. Looking for a weeknight in July or August. BBQ style event on the softball field area. Monday, August 28 @6:00pm
- Programming Ideas for specific demographic areas – Helen shared a list. Commissioners will review the list and add ideas for reviewing at next month's meeting.
- June Retreat will be June 14th, location TBD. Keith Gentili is willing and available to facilitate the retreat for the Commissioners. **Chris** will be in touch with him as the date gets closer.

- Electronic Sign Collaboration with Emergency Management and SAU – The school is interested in a new sign. SAU is willing to contribute half of the cost. Our cost could be shared with emergency management. Grant funding could be sought. Dan MacDonald will continue to pursue grant funding. Sousa Signs provided a quote of about \$40,000 which does not include electricity access.
 - Municipal department does not require a hearing.

E. Financial

- QuickBooks Report as of 2/28/23
 - A/R A total of \$28,200 is owed, most of it is Camp Coolio related. (\$10,534 is due by 4/1). \$310 owed related to purchased bricks. Other items with outstanding balances include baseball and softball registrations, field sign sponsors, and an upcoming casino trip (not due yet).
 - P/L Revenue is up due to prepayment of Camp Coolio. Have spent about \$2000 less than last year at this time. Equipment change was due to replacement of a piece of equipment at the Old Coach Field
 - Still awaiting the 2022 audit. 2021 has recently been reconciled.
- Donations – ice rink (~\$1200), gazebo roof (~\$8,100), and baseball/softball fundraising (~\$9,900). Sheri will find out the updated 2023 price of bricks.
- After School Program – We have fewer kids than last year due to staffing. Currently \$250/month for 2:30 to 6:00pm (3.5 hours). Last school year was \$240/month. Current enrollment is 30 with a wait list for the next 3 years.
 - 3rd child in a family gets a family discount.
 - Commissioners unanimously voted to increase 2023-2024 fees to \$275/month with credit card payment, \$300/month if paying by other means. (All current families are paying by credit card this year.)
 - New windows are already showing savings on heating. Will expect a similar decrease in the summer with air conditioning.
- Brick Fundraiser – funds raised are not yielding sufficient funds to replace the gazebo roof. It will be adequate to fix the brick paths and add a landing to the gazebo steps.
- Town Voting Results – The town budget did not pass at voting yesterday. This will affect our operating budget, which will be the default budget.

Mike will be working to figure out the impacts which will be mostly related to grounds keeping, gas for the van, senior trip expenses, and postage.

F. Programming/Events

- Easter Event moved to April 8 (rain date)
- Camp Coolio - July 5 through August 11
 - Staffing – have 4 counselors currently, 2 returning from last year. Will be interviewing another candidate next week. Do not currently have an assistant director. Will be looking to see if we will be promoting from within from a previous counselor or if it will be a new hire. The staff will be young compared to previous years. Shaunna will provide leadership and training.
 - Enrollment – looking to add more kids to weeks 2-4
- After School Program
 - Staffing Bobbie (director) and Sarah (Asst. Director) will be leaving at the end of the school year. Bobbi has been director for 16 years! **Mike** will be posting soon in order to fill the positions ASAP.
- Basketball Survey Results – feedback received. Mostly positive with a few areas of constructive feedback.
 - Uniforms are old.
 - Mike would like to look at possibly having kids keep their uniforms, cost built into the program fee. Could look for team sponsors. Returning, storing, and distributing the uniforms is very labor intensive.
- Bike Camp
 - Enrollment currently allows for 7-year olds. Thinking of changing it to 9-12-year-old.
 - Similar skill levels would be easier to work with. Kids are assessed at the first meeting and then split into skill-based groups.
 - Registration is limited to about 20.

F. Facility/Grounds

- Softball batting cage proposals
 - Ash St. Onge submitted two quotes/proposals.
 - Looking for a more permanent structure that has a year-round frame and/or fence – Discussion focused on the placement being tough location for a permanent structure, especially with snowplowing. A

permanent structure would involve digging and there are many pipes underground along with an unresolved drainage issue.

- Old Coach has a batting cage that is taken down each fall and put up in the spring.
- Commissioners voted unanimously to fund a temporary batting cage for the softball field. **Mike** will work with Ash to find something suitable.
- Request from softball to have a gas grill for field clean-up day. Commissioners voted not to approve due to ordinance of no grills on the field.
- **Mike and Jenn** will work together to create signage about parking for softball. Softball families will be encouraged to park in the front of the school and walk over. Town Hall parking lot is over-crowded.
- Grounds Maintenance quote for 2023 season has been given to Beaver Lawn Care
- Tri-Town Soccer field use request for fall use of Saturdays from 8am – 1pm. Did not use last year, but have in the past. Mike prefers use of Old Coach fields due to fall softball schedule. **Mike** will work with them to create an agreement.

G. Other Business

- Sheri out April 11
- Mike out April 24-28
- The Select board representative to the Recreation Department is ex officio and has voting rights as a member of the Commission. The Recreation Department Director would be the tie-breaker, if needed.

H. Non-Public

I. Next Meeting- Wednesday, April 17 at 6pm, Old Engine House

Send Feb edited minutes to Sheri.