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Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes: June 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Video Conference-Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Cheri Murphy, Christopher Weitz joined (7:14pm), Cynthia Costanzo joined (7:30pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation

AGENDA:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES : May 13, 2020 regular meeting**
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**
 - A. 2020-2021 FY budget update: Dustin reported that the Recreation budget has been approved and that we anticipate the hiring of the new position early fall of 2020. Openings for the summer June 17th sports, June 20th Beach and June 29th Summer Day Camp. Several Towns surrounding us have cancelled their camps (Vernon, Tolland, Coventry and Manchester to name a few).
 - B. Sandy Beach Update: Mary Bartley reported that the new Lifeguard chairs have been installed at the beach, the volleyball stands have been removed, picnic tables removed, playground picnic areas is closed off and this year we have a carry in carry out rule for trash. This is all due to specific guidelines received by local health department, Governor and CDC guidelines. Mary Bartley stated that the beach will be monitored by the Ellington police as much as possible and that she will be working up at the beach/old crystal lake schoolhouse beginning the week prior to opening on June 20th to help support the Waterfront staff with any issues from the public since so many changes have been placed due to the covid 19 pandemic. There will be police presence at the beach the weekend of opening and throughout the summer season for support with the new restrictions and guidelines. Dustin also mentioned that the Beach this year will be for Ellington Residents Only, no cash will be accepted at the beach there will be credit card sales only (this is a new process from the Finance department).

MOTION MADE BY (BOSCARINO) SECONDED BY (WIETZ) AND PASSED, THAT WE AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONSISTANT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS BY THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON FIRST SELECTWOMAN THAT THE ISSUEANCE OF BEACH PASSES BE LIMITED TO WEATHER IT BE A FAMILY,INDIVIDUAL OR SENIOR PASS BE FOR RESIDENTS ONLY FOR THE 2020 SEASON.

- C. Camp update: the Summer Day Camp will be allowed as it is considered an essential program to be offered for families. The program will be held on a modified program capacity and with many state guidelines. The camp will be limited to 30 campers per week, hours will be adjusted to just full day only no before or after care allowed. No nonresidents allowed to participate in the program. Curb side pick-up and drop-off procedures, Temperatures to be taken before the child enters the building. No Parents/Guardians allowed into the building. We will be having a Parent Camp Manual with all the new guidelines within it for the parents to have. The staff will consist of 18 day camp staff with 3 age groups and a one-time weekly payment of \$135.00 per child per week.
- D. Summer Programs Update: Dustin mentioned that sport leagues will begin June 17th such as baseball, softball, soccer but no football, wrestling or youth lacrosse these programs are slated for July 6th. We are currently having signs made up from Ellington Printery to post at Tedford Park, Pinney Fields and the Beach regarding closures and guidelines.
- E. Community Garden Update: full to capacity with 18 plots.
- F. Eagle Scout Project Plans: Max Sadlak will be working on new signage for Tedford Park.
- G. Windermere Avenue Park Proposal: Dustin reported that this in ongoing with the Planning and Zoning departments.
- H. General Town COVID-19 Updates: the Town offices will be opening to the public beginning July 6th, currently anyone needing to go to the Town offices needs to make an appointment with whom they wish to meet with.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Finance: FY 2020 – 2021 Budget :** None
- B. **Maintenance: Field usage:** None
- C. **Operations: General policies for travel team –** Tom Boscarino defers to a face-to face meeting with the committee. That date has not yet been determined.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

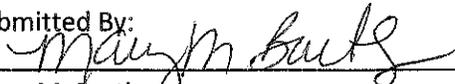
- A. **Discuss: Disc Golf course:** Dustin suggested to Sherry Kraus and the recreation committee members that there be a meeting held at the site of where the course maybe constructed with the Trails committee, Planning and Zoning, DPW Director and First Selectman for discussion so that all parties involved with the property site know what the Disc Golf plan would be and where on that location. T. Boscarino indicated that the space is Open Space.
- B. **Discuss: Donated Lights:** Chris Weitz reported that the lights were removed from the BOE budget. T. Boscarino asked C. Weitz if the current lights are enough for the purpose of hosting night games. C. Weitz informed the commission that the BOE and Town officials believe that they would still need to acquire more lights (lumens) for this to be true for games and tournaments to be played on the field.
- C. **Tedford Tribute Ad Hoc Committee:** Tom Boscarino had nothing new to report. Dustin mentioned again that the dedicated plaques would be on the calendar for the fall/winter months for placement in the schools. Also, that we are monitoring if the Tedford 5K Road Race would be held in the fall pending the guidelines of the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic requirements.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. ADJOURN

MOTION (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:22 PM.

Submitted By:



Mary M. Bartley