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Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2020

7:00 PM @ 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Kevin Hayes, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Cheri Murphy, Tara Kozik

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Stephanie Mather, Recording Secretary

AGENDA:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES : February 12, 2020 meeting**

MOVED (KRAUS) SECONDED (HAYES) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020 MEETING.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**
 - A. **2020-2021 FY budget update:** The Board of Selectmen meeting on February 24th seemed to go good. The next budget meeting is March 17th with the Board of Finance. Dustin requested a meeting to meet with the temporary finance officer.
 - B. **Winter program update:** Tara and Cheri were the only Division One Champion winners. The Rec League is wrapping up. Banned someone from the men's basketball league for hitting someone. Currently going through the appropriate channels to handle the situation, and that person is flagged in the system.
 - C. **Spring program update:** Soccer starts April 18th.
 - D. **Windermere Avenue Park Proposal:** The proposal is between Vernon and Ellington. They are proposing four full size soccer fields. They are also reserving a spot for a playground. The park, if approved, will be constructed in phases. Friday at 10:00AM, Dustin and Gordon will be meeting with Vernon Parks and Recreation. The proposal has not been approved by Planning and Zoning yet. Ellington will not be maintaining the property. Vernon and Ellington plan on putting the application together.

- E. **Coronavirus update:** Mary went to a meeting with town workers and Board officials on March 10th and they discussed the Coronavirus. The school district cancelled band concerts, plays, and large events. They will continue this way until they get more information from public health officials.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** None
- B. **Maintenance: Field usage:** Dustin said the bleachers have been ordered and the process is going smoothly. They will be put in before the season starts. Opening day for baseball is April 25th.
- C. **Operations: General policies for travel teams:** Dustin, Shay, and Gordon met with the senior boys coaches for lacrosse. They discussed having three groups and to rotate the groups. When two groups are playing, the third group will be practicing. The policies need to be transparent and need to be monitored. They need to follow the rules and regulations that are put in place. Twenty-six players are signed up. If they are down players, they will go down a list of names alphabetically and choose the next name on the list and ask them if they want to play. If they do not want to play, they will go to the next player's name on the list. There has to be a way to document the names, such as using Google Docs. There will be a draft and they will try to make the teams as equal as possible. Discussion that there should be a rule where they have a certain number of players before they reach their threshold. Discussed having fifteen players including a goalie and once it hits fourteen you have to take a player from the list. Discipline and substitution will be monitored. Tom will go and observe games. March 26th there will be a parent player meeting. Lacrosse games will start about the second week in April. Dustin, Mary, and Tom had a meeting about uniforms. They discussed the condition and inventory of the uniforms, as well as having no names on the uniforms. According to Recreation and Travel Team Policies latest revision from 2016, it states on page three, number eight, that "Under no circumstances may travel team uniforms be monogrammed with player names." Tom mentioned that the National Little League also prohibits names on uniforms. Tara and Cheri are going to work on updating the policies. There was also a discussion about simplifying costs and paying up front for travel teams. Discussion about basketball rules. Vernon, Windsor Locks, Somers, South Windsor, East Windsor, and Ellington representatives get together at the beginning and end of the season and bring feedback. Inconsistency between towns. Dustin mentioned that we need to simplify things and have a chart to make it easy to follow and understand. Discussion about grades seven and eight having full press.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss: Disc Golf course:** Dustin said Tim is confident about getting the parking lot for the disc golf course. There would be five to eight spots.
- B. **Discuss: Donated Lights:** None
- C. **Discuss: Tedford Tribute Ad Hoc Committee:** The Committee's one year term is coming to an end on April 30th. The last meeting is April 20th. They have renamed the park and the Board of Education has approved the three wall plaques, which will be placed in the High School, Middle School, and Windermere. Dustin will order them. They are not pursuing markers in the ground. There will be an eight foot metal bench with a plaque on it in memory of Bob and Nick at Arbor Park. The available funds left over will be available for recreation programs.

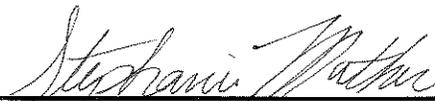
IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. ADJOURN

MOTION (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (DRAKE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:48PM.

Submitted By:

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Stephanie Mather