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Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2020
7:00 PM

Video Conference-Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Sherry Kraus, Cheri Murphy, Christopher Weitz, Kevin Hayes, Tara Kozik and Cynthia Costanzo joined (7:17pm)

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 7:08 PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES : June 10, 2020 regular meeting**
MOVED (KRAUS) SECONDED (WEITZ) 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. Sandy Beach: Dustin and Mary both reported that the beach has been running very smoothly this summer for the Ellington Residents. We have had but only a few issues with folks not remembering that the gates do close at specific times and unfortunately they become involved with either kayaking or boating and lose track of time and the police are called to let them know that the car will be locked within the beach parking lot. We did have two instances that we needed to call the police for two issues with 2 Ellington families basically for not following Rules and Guidelines that were set in place do to the safety and wellbeing of all patrons and staff at the beach for this year. The anticipated end date for the beach to be open is August 30th.
 - B. Summer Camp: the Summer Day Camp
Dustin reported that the summer camp program has been going very well under the circumstances of all the state guidelines for the staff, campers and families. The day camp staff have been doing a fantastic job with keeping the children safe and engaged in the program daily and that they the staff have been very good following the guidelines presented to them to maintain social distancing and wearing of their masks daily at the camp. The campers did comply with having their temperatures taken daily so that they could be in attendance to the camp daily as well as the staff assigned to work at the camp. The camp concluded on August 14th for the 2020 summer.

- C. Summer Programs: this was covered in the discussions for both summer camp and waterfront.
- D. Community Garden: Dustin reported that the Trails Committee will be having a ribbon ceremony in the fall for their new sensory garden.
- E. Eagle Scout Project Plans: Max Sadlak is still working on new signage for Tedford Park.
- F. Fall Programming: Dustin reported that we have a small shortage of soccer coaches for this fall, but we do have some college students that have expressed interest in coaching. Currently, many fall events have been cancelled (Trail of Treats, Ellington's Fireman's Carnival etc.) We are looking into the possible usage of the Senior Center and the Old Crystal Lake School house for some of our mini programs due to current guidelines being presented for use of Town facilities and schools.
- G. General Town COVID-19 Updates: a discussion was had in regards to the social responsibilities that will be mandated to our volunteer coaches. T. Boscarino asked if the coaches for the fall have been provide the Return to Play Guideline. Dustin responded by saying Yes the coaches will be sent the Return to Play Guidelines and have a zoom meeting as well with the coaches to go over specific questions and or concerns. Further discussion was had in regards to the Little League programs having activities currently at Tedford Park and as to what protocols were in place for the COVID- 19 precautions and standards. Kevin Hayes asked if we would be able to go to CISA for guidelines on their insurance coverage with the impending guidelines /insurance agreement protocols. Cynthia Costanzo, Tara Kozik, Gordon Oliver and other commission members had varying questions and concerns as to How guidelines from CIAC, CISA and other organizations is going to impact the Recreation Department and its staff in respect to the responsibilities of the families of Ellington to being responsible in assisting with the guidelines being presented for the programs to run this fall.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Finance:** 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 did speak with First Selectman Spielman and it was suggested to put a meeting on hold with the Dustin, Sherry Kraus and the Recreation Committee members and others interested at the site when it is safe pending the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines.
- B. **Discuss: Donated Lights:** Chris Weitz reported that the lights were removed from the BOE 20/21 budget. Hoping that they will be added to the next year's budget.
- C. **Tedford Tribute Ad Hoc Committee:** Tom Boscarino had nothing new to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

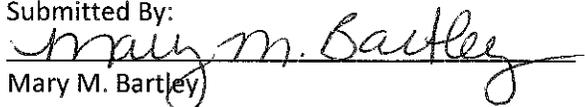
A. Robert Tedford Memorial Road Race

Dustin mentioned that he has his own personal reservations as to he would prefer to hold off on the Fall 2020 Tedford 5K Road Race be held in the future pending the guidelines of the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic requirements.

X. ADJOURN

MOTION (COSTANZO) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:04 PM.

Submitted By:


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