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Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2021
7:00 PM
Crystal Lake Schoolhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Christopher Weitz, Cheri Murphy and Kevin Hayes.

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES : March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting**
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2021 REGULR MEETING.

IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Nothing to report

VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

A. Eagle Scout Project Plans: Dustin shared that we currently have 2 Eagle Scouts working on projects. One is working on picnic tables for Tedford Memorial Park and the other is completing the stage at the Batz Property.

B. Spring Program Update:

i. Lacrosse: Melissa Nord is the new president for the Lacrosse Association, we currently have 185 lacrosse players this spring.

ii. Soccer: the Spring Soccer program currently has around 300 participants, one-third of those registrations are in the 4-8 year old program that is being held at Tedford Memorial Park on Monday evenings.

iii. Zumba: has restarted indoors for the spring at Center School for 8 -10 weeks. Tball is underway at the EHS softball field. EHS Baseball players will be assisting the volunteer coaches with their players and games for two weeks.

iv. Community Garden: the plots at the Batz property have been rototilled and we currently have 18 plots reserved and paid for the 2021 season.

C. Summer Program Review

i. Sandy Beach: Chairman G. Oliver inquired about the summer plans regarding the patron's policy for residents and non-residents, and also what the policy will be for the Stafford Beach Passes. Mary Bartley, Assistant Recreation Director, explained to the Commission

what the 2021 season would entail in regards to beach rules, DPH, CDC and the Governors guidance. The DPW will be upgrading the restrooms, removing some stumps and trees at the beach. The waterfront staff will be doing preseason maintenance which includes painting the storage pod, picking up and removing branches and pine needles, and rearranging the waterfront supplies in the pod for easy access, etc.

ii. Summer Day Camp: Dustin has applied for an expansion grant from the OEC for the summer day camp, we are hoping to here if we were approved for the grant the week of May 24th. The summer day camp will be held again this year at Windermere School for 8 weeks, from June 28-August 20th.

D. FY 2021-2022 Budget Update: Budget has passed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Finance: None
B. Maintenance: None
C. Operations: None

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Disc Golf Proposal: Director Huguenin reported to the recreation commission that the Trails Committee is no longer opposed to the Disc Golf Course at the Bronize/Stein Road property. Shay Drake shared with the recreation commission that Ellington resident Aidan Caron, a UCONN engineering /urban planning student is very interested in the design and development of the Disc Golf Course if the recreation department is looking for someone to help in the guidance and design of the project. Shay will contact Mr. Caron to have him contact Dustin the Director of Recreation.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Comprehensive field lighting study proposal: Director Huguenin had a meeting with Public Works Director Tim Webb about a proposed field lighting study for the sport fields in Ellington located at the High School, Pinney Fields and Robert Tedford Memorial Park. The recreation commission had a brief discussion about the proposal and it was decided to see what additional information will be provided from Mr. Webb on the proposal before making any decisions or suggestions.

X. **ADJOURN**

MOTION (WEITZ) SECONDED (MURPHY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 PM.

Submitted By:

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