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THOMPSON RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 25, 2018, 7:00 PM MERRILL SENEY ROOM, TOWN HALL
MINUTES

1. The call to order was by Vice Chairman Cynthia Anthos at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Cynthia Antos, Robert Monahan, Robbie L'Heureaux, Thomas Jourdan, Robert Monahan, Kimberly Prescott, Donna Godzik

Staff: Angela Newell, Recreation Director;
Dotti Durst, Recording Secretary

2. Secretary's Report

- a. Review of meeting notes, March 28, 2018; not required
- b. **Motion to approve the January 24, 2018 Minutes as presented by K. Prescott seconded by D. Godzik carried unanimously**

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. General Fund Budget Report: Recreation Director Newell noted the document includes some numbers which are not coded quite precisely. The Easter Egg hunt is encumbering funds for use for that event next year. The Bonfire did not use all of the funds that were designated for it.
- b. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report: A. Newell pointed out that all revenue is in for the school year. Discussion of the trip to the Flower Show: a bus with 30 seats would be ideal but is not available. Scheduling the trip every other year may keep the enrollment a little higher. Note that bus trip income is arriving well in advance, causing the revenue to look high, but it is actually only a factor related to timing.

4. Correspondence; none

5. Director's Report: a written report was provided. Some highlights include

- Upon investigation, the question as to whether the Commission should elect other administrative positions beyond the Chair and Vice Chair was addressed by Roberts Rules, which specifies other positions as optional
- At a meeting with First Selectman K. Beausoleil and the Director of Public Works, some concerns at the Basketball Courts and Parks were discussed. There will be no funding available from the Capital Funds. At Riverside Park, some work is already scheduled for the summer by the DPW. Thompson Together is seeking grant sources for lighting.

- Early- Bird Camp registrations are being incentivized; advertising in the Webster/Dudley/Oxford area is being considered. Thompson Proud is welcome to link to Camp Early-Bird registration.
- The very active schedule was reviewed and enrollment numbers presented.
- The Recreation Department is looking to partner with the Community Art Show in the future.
- A Fund Balance Report was distributed, demonstrating the Recreation Department's Financials from Fiscal Year 2015 to the present year. It appears that the opportunity to boost up the Field Day at Camp may present itself.
- The BOS renewed Thomas Jourdan and Steve Bordua as Commission members.
- There was an update on the delay on implementing the town's email system for Board and Commission members' use. As soon as the glitch is resolved, the system will be operational.

6. Old Business

- a. Park Subcommittee Update: Dog Pods are being installed, with a sturdy post being selected for some locations
- b. Basketball Court work by the DPW this summer will include sidewalk and entranceway updates, as well as other regular maintenance work. Re-seeding has been completed.

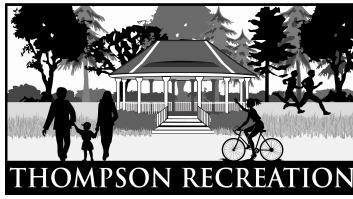
7. New Business

- a. Budget Update: no changes
- b. Community Day 2018: Rene Waldron, who is the Chair of the EDC Branding Implementation Subcommittee, sees a possible tie-in. More information will be available as they look ahead.
- c. Approval of 2018 Camp Staff: It was noted that no negative comments have been received regarding the slight price increase for Camp; this may in part be due to pricing at other near-by choices parents from which parents could select. The list of Adventure Camp Staff candidates was presented and reviewed by A. Newell; with 21 slots, some excellent candidates had to be set aside. However, due to a job-sharing opportunity, 22 names are presented for review. Proposed counselors with certain specialties will be offered appropriate pay as was discussed at the Camp Committee meetings. Once the Recreation Committee selects the counselors for Camp this year, the list will go to the Board of Selectmen for approval, targeting May 1. After review, **Motion C. Anthos seconded by R. L'Heureaux to approve the list of proposed Counselors for Adventure Camp 2018 carried unanimously, with D. Godzik abstaining.**

8. Citizens' Comments: none

9. Announcements:

- a. Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 7 PM Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
- b. Preparation of the Summer Brochure is underway; 19 ad spots are available, all of which are filled. The Thompson Business Association expects it to be printed soon.



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10. **Motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM by K. Prescott seconded by D. Godzik carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted; Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary

Dorothy Durst

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.