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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the special meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:02 PM in 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Members Present: Stephen Bordua, Albert Lafleur, Cynthia Antos, Robert Monahan and Kimberly Prescott.

Members absent: Jeanne Dery, Thomas Jourdan, Sylvie Hanshaw and Cathy Thomas.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Hachey.

Guests Present: Steve Herbert.

Secretary's Report

1. **Correction to the minutes: change the date under announcements from May 27 to May 25. Albert Lafleur moved and Bob Monahan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2016 regular meeting as corrected.**

Steve Bordua—yes; Robert Monahan—yes; Cindy Antos—abstain; Al Lafleur—yes; Kimberly Prescott—abstain.
The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. Advertisement for the band concerts has not been taken out yet.
 - b. Seniors have a large event coming up.
 - c. Bob Monahan asked if the band from Woodstock for the summer band concert has a fee. Angela Hachey confirmed that they do.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report was reviewed.
 - a. Guest Steve Herbert asked why their are bank fees of almost \$4,000. Steve Bordua explained that they are credit card fees.
 - b. Al Lafleur asked if the youth basketball line is for this year or last year. Youth basketball was last fall. Previous director Renee Waldron was supposed to look into alternatives for t-shirts. Steve Bordua suggested looking into having a business sponsor the t-shirts. Angela Hachey will look into both options.

Correspondence

1. Angela Hachey received a letter from the bus coordinator, Kerri Tetreault. They will not be looking to outsource the buses this year. The letter also mentioned an incident on the buses during a recent recreation department field trip. The bus drivers were upset by the behavior of the children on the bus, while the recreation staff is reporting that they were very well behaved. Angela Hachey is going to look into what actually happened.

Director's Report

1. Angela Hachey reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. Adventure Camp enrollment is going well.
 - b. The babysitter training program just ended. It is receiving good reviews from

- parents.
- c. Cindy Antos asked if the purely rec numbers are high. Angela Hachey reports that they are maxed out for the program.
 - d. The senior craft is back and going well. There were 14 participants for the first craft, and 14 signed up for the next. Angela Hachey plans to cap the sign up at 20.
 - e. The numbers for the mother/son Star Wars event were low.
 - f. The 8th graders did their annual clean up. Angela Hachey was able to bring students from the after school program to finish up what was left.
 - g. The town wide tag sale is June 4th. The registration is low.
 - h. Angela Hachey has pending tickets for Wicked at PPAC. The Rec Department has a credit towards PPAC which Angela Hachey will try to apply to this event. This will not lower the cost of tickets however. Kimberly Prescott asked if the bus trips try to break even. Angela Hachey confirmed that is the goal.
 - i. Cindy Antos asked if any staff had been hired for summer camp. Angela Hachey reports only one person has declined the contract.

Old Business

1. Angela Hachey looked into using last years budget for this years training. The line item is already closed and cannot be used.
2. Adventure camp: no update.
3. The portable bathrooms for Riverside Park have been ordered. The highway department is going to get Angela Hachey an updated list of projects they have yet to finish. The portable mound needs to be returned at the end of the season. There are groups that would like to play fall ball so the recreation commission will have to look into buying their own portable mound again.

New Business

1. Thompson Together is putting together a ceremony for the playground dedication on June 12.
2. Owners not picking up after dogs in parks are becoming a problem. Angela Hachey has the bags and signs for the dog pods but needs the dispensers. Angela Hachey will look into the costs. Kimberly Prescott asked what Putnam does to enforce their policy. Angela Hachey will look into this too.
3. The first summer band concert is coming up on June 24th. Al Lafleur asked if the signage for the no smoking policy is ready. Angela Hachey has 4 or 5 double sided signs that will be put up during events.
4. Angela Hachey will need a new program supervisor for the after school program next year. Angela Hachey would like to look into structuring the position differently for next year and have one planning position and one coordinator position that work as equals instead of one being the others superior. Angela Hachey will have the summer to do interviews.

Citizens' Comments

Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

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