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Regular Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019; 7:00 PM

Merrill Seney room, Town Hall

1. The call to order was at 7:03 PM by Chair Steve Bordua.

Attendance: Steve Bordua, Cynthia Antos, Robbie L'Heureux, Kimberly Prescott, Donna Godzik, Thomas Jourdan. Guest: Renee Waldron, Chair, EDC Branding Subcommittee
Absent: Robert Monahan, Diane Keefe
Staff: Miranda Skaradowski, Acting Recreation Director; Dotti Durst, Recording Secretary

Chair S. Bordua, as a courtesy to a guest of the Commission, re-sequenced the agenda (# 8. a.). He welcomed Renee Waldron, Chair, EDC Branding Subcommittee. She reviewed the sequence of events that led, over a period of 2 years, to the formation of the Branding Subcommittee, her Chairmanship, and the work done with John Filchak, NECCOG, to "capture from those who participated, the essence of the community," and then develop Strategies for moving Thompson forward. She distributed documents which identify specific goals and the associated timelines. The group was reminded that a "brand" is often "what people say when we are not in the room" and a positive concept or Brand for Thompson is to everyone's advantage.

Recreation in all its forms, and every outdoor activity including utilizing the Thompson Dam, Quaddick State Park and other venues, was near the top of the list of the Strengths of Thompson. Therefore, the Recreation Commission and the Trails Committee will be integral to this effort. She encouraged Chair S. Bordua or his designee to attend the introductory meeting on February 6 and to be an active participant. When the second, broader meeting is held, all Recreation Commission members are urged to participate. Chair Bordua thanked R. Waldron.

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2018 by C. Antos seconded by D.**

Godzik carried unanimously. Note that Antos was incorrectly spelled on page 2; D. Durst was regretful of the error.

Motion to approve the Minutes of Special Meeting January 10, 2019

by C. Antos seconded by D. Godzik carried unanimously.

D. Godzik requested that the documents which will be used at the meeting, including the financial statements and the Director's Report, be included with the emailed materials (agenda and minutes), allowing time to review them before the meeting begins. M. Skaradowski agreed.

3. Financial Reports-

*General Fund Budget Report- no comments

*Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report- a concern about a shortfall in the Turkey Trot line item was resolved; some in-coming funds have not transferred yet. The basketball program was supposed to have had a higher registration fee, but the on-line system was not activated and about \$500 that was anticipated was not received. A Community Day expenditure was made in order to have tee shirts ready.

*Fund Balance- no comments

4. Correspondence- none

5. Update: status of Recreation Director- the Commission is looking through the folder of applications and will soon decide if to post the opening again.
6. Budget proposal for 2019-2020: **Motion D. Godzik seconded by K. Prescott to carry over all the line items in the Recreation Commission budget in the same amounts as they appeared in the current fiscal year carried unanimously.**
7. Interim Director's Report- presented in writing. Key points:
 - The Princess Ball, formerly called Father/Daughter Ball, had decreased participation (145 compared to 174 last year), with declining participation of 20-30 each of apparent over a period of the last few years.
 - Youth basketball-Girls: participation is down; seven selected to play with the school team. D. Godzik – school enrollment is up but only in the pre-K to 4th grades, as new families with young children are moving into town. **Action Item:** S. Bordua requests the actual counts for the Basketball Program and income/expenses, by group.
 - Swim gym- the superintendent of schools has offered to modify a bus route to pass by Koinonia, enabling the program to operate without exorbitant bus fees for the families.
 - The After-Care program security plans are being reviewed; keys may need to be issued as the cafeteria doors are not self-locking when closed.
8. New Business:
 - a. Your Presence is Requested by the EDC at the Branding Subcommittee /Thompson Strategic Plan Feb 6 @ 6:30 PM at Our Father's Table. (See Guest comments, above)
 - b. Summer Concert Series potential sponsors are the TBA and the Thompson Congregational Church. Each could have a booth at the event and a logo on the flyer. With the anticipated increase in the costs of the desirable bands, these sponsorships are important.
 - c. Other new business- the terms of office of three members of the Commission will expire on April 15 this year (Cynthia Antos, Robert Monahan, and Kimberly Prescott). Each will be asked about continuing; during late February or early March, S. Bordua will send a memo to the BOS asking for renewals.
 - d. Other new business- S. Bordua is scheduling a preliminary Summer Camp exploratory discussion regarding pricing structures, the bus situation, and other factors; the discussion will be on Feb 12, Tuesday at the Town Hall., 7 PM. M. Skaradowski will ask about available space.

Action Items: , he asks M. Skaradowski to gather data and make it available.

* M. Skaradowski will ask Orla McKiernan-Rahtery, Finance Director, going back 5 years of Summer Camp, to list all revenue, and all the customary expense columns as well as the over/under budget results.

* List the number of participants by age group and the fee schedule for each of the age groups, both data points for each of the 5 years.

M. Skaradowski is asked to make the reservation at the state park with Reserve America, as there are no fees involved, and determine if Wednesdays need to be excluded.

9. Citizen's Comments- none

10. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 7 PM Merrill Seney Room

11. Adjournment by Chair S. Bordua was at 8:37 PM.

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.