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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2019; 7:00 PM
Merrill Seney room, Town Hall

1. The call to order was by Chair Steve Bordua at 7:10 PM.
2. Attendance: Steve Bordua, Cynthia Antos, Robbie L'Heureux, Thomas Jourdan, Diane Keefe, Kimberly Prescott
Absent: Robert Monahan, Donna Godzik
Staff: Miranda Skaradowski, Interim Recreation Director
Dotti Durst, Recording Secretary
3. **Motion to approve the January 23, 2019 minutes by C. Antos seconded by K. Prescott carried unanimously.** There was no February 27 meeting.
4. Financial Reports were reviewed.
 - General Fund Budget Report
 - Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report
 - Fund Balance

Notes: Meetings/fees line item- the CT Parks & Rec fee is paid early in the year.

Summer Camp 2019 - \$2,218 spent on Reserve America (\$9 a day/state park)

BCC is run by an individual; we only facilitate registrations (possible refund?)

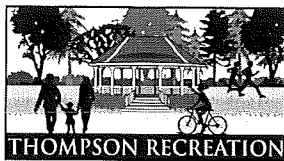
Camp Lego- the fees are split over 2 fiscal years, so the numbers can mislead.

Worcester Rail- we facilitated tickets; this was a new event in 2018

Budget: funds include donations; we need to find the specific projects they were intended for and put them to use, possibly in support of the goals presented at the Feb 5 Thompson Goals meeting to expand outdoor activities and to strengthen the current ones.

Possible use of the Jonas Poirrier funds: ribbons/banners at the end of Summer Camp.

5. Interim Director's report: -Note was made that the children raised over \$7,500 for the American Heart Association at the Art Challenge. The school also received \$700 and several gift cards. This effort resulted in exceeding the goal by over \$1,700. - Concerts in the Park are booked - She attended the Feb 6 Branding meeting: Green and Growing.
 - There were no issues at the BOS Budget planning meeting.
 - Camp counselor applications are coming in. Discussion: how to effectively find qualified Camp lifeguards.
 - Reserve American is all set/booked.
6. Review: Camp Subcommittee discussion, February 23 (notes from that meeting were distributed): C. Antos and K. Prescott were present, in addition to staff. The proposal is to combine the cost of the weekly field trips into the up-front Camp fees, so parents don't face multiple payments. The fee schedule therefore begins at \$165 per week, all inclusive. The tee shirt expense is being examined; M. Skaradowski will approach local businesses for sponsorships, hoping to eliminate that cost for parents. There is a payment plan available for a family that needs it. The research provided by the Finance Office allowed actual costs from previous years to be utilized to calculate the proposed new fees. Note that the fees had to be increased, as last year's bus company raised (doubled) its fees, and



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it appears to be the lowest bid that came in from the RFP. Staff labor costs are up for returnee's pay increases (which builds stability among the staff).

Other: - advertising for Camp comes from the General Fund; the SG/T Buyer will be used as well as the Villager, reaching across the state line into southern MA. - if the minimum wage goes up, there could be some impact. - staff costs are up: there are 8 weeks in this session/ 7 last year. - our proposed rates are still lower than Camp Woodstock or the YMCA. - TEEG may be offering a summer program this year. - Field Day, at the end of the session, is an opportunity to utilize any remaining funds.

Motion R. L'Heureux seconded by T. Jourdan to approve the Summer Camp 2019 rate plan as proposed carried unanimously.

7. Thompson Branding Strategic Plan unveiling, February 6: the big push will be to build on a "Green and Growing Community" theme. One aspect: redevelopment of the mill sites/the RT 12-131 corridor. For the Recreation Commission, this could mean more interaction with businesses (Thompson Business Association), with Trails and other outside activities. The broadest interpretation of Green and Growing should be used.
8. Update: status of Recreation Director- permanent position: once a person is selected, the Recreation Director should participate in the Mill development process, in order to suggest incorporating recreation spaces along with the residential uses.
9. New Business:
 - A. Interim Director: covered earlier in the meeting
 - B. Other new business: none

10. Correspondence: "Thank you for all you do" documents were received from TEEG Director Anne Miller 1). Thank you for your \$4,185 donation from the Tukey Trot, 2018 2). A general thank you for support throughout the year 3) And for the Non-perishables from the Holiday Laser Light event.

11. Citizens' Comments: none

12. Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 7 PM -Town Hall, Seney Room

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM by Chair S. Bordua.

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.