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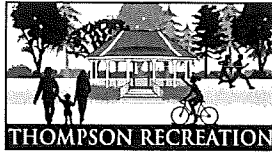
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Recreation Commission Minutes
Wednesday, October 23, 2019; 7:00 PM
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

1. Call to order was by Chair Steve Bordua at 7:06pm
2. Attendance: Steve Bordua, Rob L'Heureux, Bob Monahan, Kimberly Prescott, Cynthia Antos, Renee Waldron
Staff: Lesley Munshower; Recreation Director, Ashley Pomes; Recording Secretary
Absent: Donna Godzik, Diane Keefe, Thomas Jourdan
3. **Motion Bob Monahan seconded by Rob L'Heureux to approve the minutes of September 18, 2019 with adjustments carried unanimously.** The date of July 24th was incorrect in the header, correct date is September 18, 2019.
4. Financial Reports
 - A. General Fund Budget Report- New budget has passed but has not yet been entered into the report. Staying flat across last year's budget except for a 2% increase in wages from last year.
 - B. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report- Multiple REC programs/events have amounts that will be changing due to additional bills coming in that are not yet accounted for and also due to programs or events that have not yet taken place. Financial Assistance that is offered to children who qualify is listed under the program column in the report, Lesley will look into having this moved to the top of the spread sheet instead to show which programs this money is being used in.
 - C. Fund Balance- Youth Center from many years back has an outstanding balance of \$6040.96 that needs to be paid for with REC funds. **Motion Rob L'Heureux seconded by Kimberly Prescott that the total amount of \$6040.96 be taken out of the program surplus carried unanimously.**
5. Director's report
 - A. General Report- Purely Rec is averaging less participants then last year, mostly due to children aging out of the program. Flyers will be sent home to kids in school promoting the program. The babysitting course was moved to the library and ran during the evening. It had 10 participants attend, 6 were non-residents and 4 were residents. Lesley is in talks with other REC departments in surrounding towns to decide on certain months that each town will run and promote the other towns babysitting course to help each other out and continue to see good numbers of participants. The Turkey Trot to take place on November 10th has already raised more money than last year's total. A new event is being added to the calendar for Saturday Dec. 21st called Holiday's Little Helper. It will be at the library from 10am-2pm and it is childcare for parents who may need it prior to Christmas. If the registration goes well, the event also may be run on
"Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community." www.thompsonrec.org



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Monday Dec. 23rd. Community Day was successful with Emergency Management estimating 1000 people attending. Mark Snay, Thompson Historical Society, won Volunteer of the Year and Thompson Auto Care won Business of the Year. Renee reached out to a local drone company, High Line Drones LLC, to see if they would like to attend. They came and took some great photos as well as a video that is posted on the REC's Facebook page.

6. New Business:
 - A. Summer Camp Task Force- Lesley is getting together a group of volunteers/parents to discuss summer camp and report back to REC with their ideas. They will meet over the winter months and report back in early spring.
 - B. Park Smoking Ban- All REC sponsored events will be smoke free events from now on. No smoking signs will be posted during events.
 - C. 2020 Meeting Dates- **Motion Kimberly Prescott seconded by Rob L'Heureux to approve the 2020 REC meeting schedule dates carried unanimously.**
7. Other from the Commission/Staff- There was a comment made by a citizen that some of the flags in town were not properly illuminated, First Selectman Ken Beausoleil is looking into solar lights to illuminate the flags. Cynthia heard a comment from someone complaining about slippery bridges at last years Turkey Trot, REC will continue to promote that this is a cross country trail run and to be prepared for all kinds of terrain.
8. Correspondence- none
9. Citizens' Comments- none
10. Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall
11. Adjourn- **Motion Kimberly Prescott seconded by Rob L'Heureux to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm carried unanimously.**