



1. Call to order/Record –The meeting was called to order by B. Lievense (Recreation Director) at 6:31 pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call –Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Renee Waldron (Chair), Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Ashley Lewis
Absent: Robbie L’Heureux, Wayne Barber, Donna Poitras
Community Members: Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary).
3. Minutes Review
January 25, meeting minutes were reviewed.
****C. Antos made motion to accept the minutes; seconded by D. Clark. Motion passed 4-0-0**
4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report – Total expenditures are about 65% for the year.
 - B. Fund Balance – Balance is \$54,417. No changes from the last meeting.
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report – Balance is \$10,643.83.
5. New Business (Screenshare by Brian Lievense)
 - A. AARP Grant Proposal
 - There is another grant opportunity for seniors. Thompson was not successful last year. We will reapply using the similar application from last year minus the work that is already completed and adding some seating with trash/recycling receptacles and including picnic tables at other locations in the park. There is \$10,000 set aside as a grant match. The grant will be submitted before the next meeting.
6. Director’s Report (given by B. Lievense)
 - A. Purely Recreation –There are 17-18 morning and 37-38 afternoon registrations. A new staff member was added to replace a recently vacated position.
 - B. Special Events
 - Easter Egg Hunt. Will be held April 1st; rain date is April 8th at the Thompson Common. The donations of 5000 easter eggs were donated. There is a pizza truck, and the new sound system will be used.
 - Maker Fair. May 6th, the advertising for the event is going well. There are 42 venders already registered.
 - Summer Concert Series. All the concerts are booked. The first concert will be June 24 featuring Pulaski Brass Band (Polish Poker), with G-7 selling polish food. July 8th, Wooden Horse (tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young), July 22nd Grown Your Own Band (Contemporary Cover music), August 5th Highway Hillbillies (oldies country band). The food trucks have not been secured for some of the bands.
 - Town Wide Yard Sale. Scheduled for July 29th, rain date August 5th.
 - C. Adult Programs
 - Yoga. Last session for this series is next week (postponed due to weather). There are 12 registered. Another series will be started.
 - Tai Chi. There are 10 registrations for this series.
 - Bus Trips. Still popular. Some of the early bus trips in March were cancelled (Orchid Show in NY) or combined with another town (Newport Playhouse).

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- Art Classes. There is about 8-10 people in attendance. The next one is in April.
- Community Art Show. Taking registrations for the art show.
- D. Senior Programs
 - Senior Discussion/Lecture. Last month's presentation was well attended. We have the new Probate Judge coming in for a discussion later in the year.
 - Senior Craft. Ongoing monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. There are about 10 crafters.
 - Senior Valentine's Day party. Event was well attended with over 40 seniors. There was a piano player who did a ragtime performance.
 - Senior Luau. This will be in July with "The Coconuts" performing.
- E. Youth Programs
 - Art Club/Lego Club. Enrichment programs have sold out with new session starting.
 - Kids Night Out. This was done around Christmas and Valentine's Day. They are attended with about 10-12 registrations.
 - Summer Camp. Registrations for camp will be open in about a week. There are (12) field trips planned; (8) trips are "water" themed field trips with every other week at Quaddick; (4) other non-water trips are planned. There will be weekly trips to Riverside Park and other local area town locations. The list of staff members will be presented to the recreation commission to be approved before they are presented to the Board of Selectman.
 - Epic Soccer Clinic. There will be (2) weeks, July and August
 - Tourtellotte Basketball Camp. This will be the week of July 10th.
 - Trail Camp. We are trying to run this the last week of Summer and expanding the camp to include elementary students.

8. Old Business.

1. TRC Grant Applications.

Applications have been received for NECONN, Thompson Senior, Thompson Little League and Project Graduation. Future application needs to be received in December. Applications were reviewed.

9. Other comments from the commission.

- D. Clark. Have we looked into the Porch Fest idea for Summer? B. Livense to check into the Porch Fest program.
- R. Waldron. There is a budget meeting at the Thompson Auditorium the First Thursday in March. Commission members are encouraged to attend and show commission involvement.

10. Correspondence.

11. Citizen's Comments. No Comments.

12. Announcements. No announcements.

- Members who are expiring 4/15/2023, need to be re-appointed (Dave Clark, Wayne Barber, Robbie L'Heureux). They need to present to the selectmen office before March 28th so their names can be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the April 4th meeting.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted 03/05/2023

Heather Gauthier

Recording Secretary

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.