

REC Meeting 03/22/2023

- Summer Concert Series. All the concerts are booked for June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd, August 5th from 6pm-7:30pm. The Main Street Gelato ice cream will be there for each concert. There will be a food truck/option at each concert.
- Touch-a-truck. Scheduled for June 9th. This will be a partnership with the Thompson Library to promote Recreation events.
- Movies in the Park. There are high costs and licensing requirements. This event idea has been tabled.
- Town Wide Yard Sale. Scheduled for July 29th. There will be spaces for rent available at Thompson Common. This is in partnership with Thompson Together; all proceeds will be split.
- (off agenda) Community Day. Scheduled for September 30th.
- (off agenda) April 1st Town-wide trash pickup. Bags are available at the recreation office. The fall competitive trash cleanup winner was Project Graduation; second place was Putnam Rotary Club. The presentation of the novelty check will be April 1st.
- D. Adult Programs
 - Yoga. The current session runs through April 12th and has 9 registered.
 - Tai Chi. New session begins on April 11th. There are 11-12 registrations.
 - Adult Art Class. The next class will be Friday April 11th at Drafters and has 11 registrations.
 - Bus Trips. Trips coming up are Newport Playhouse next week and "Daffodil Days" Blithewold Mansion on March 26th.
 - Community Art Show. Begins April 1st at the Thompson Library.
 - Line Dancing. There is a new instructor starting classes on Saturday April 22nd.
- D. Senior Programs
 - Senior Craft. Ongoing monthly with about 10-12 crafters.
 - Senior Discussion/Lecture. Next discussion on April 13th is led by TMHS Alumni. The discussion will be on Mrs. Tourtellotte.
 - Senior Luau. Scheduled for July 14th featuring the band "The Coconuts".
- E. Youth Programs
 - Art Club/Lego Club. Enrichment programs are full.
 - "Medieval Feast". A family event scheduled for May 12th.
 - Mini Soccer. Scheduled to begin April 16th for ages 3 & 4. There are 20 registrations.
 - Camps. All camps and clinics registrations are opening this Friday. Epic Soccer camp will be held for 2 weeks at Riverside Park. Tourtellotte Basketball camp will be July 10th-July 14th. There is a suggestion to partnership with the little league to do a baseball/softball camp.

8. Old Business.

1. Pickleball/Basketball Court Update.
Mike Sealcoating will begin their work the end of April or beginning of May; weather dependent. The goal is to have the courts ready for summer. There is a pickleball instructor who lives in Thompson who is available for lessons.

9. Other comments from the commission.

- C. Antos. Following up on two (2) items. 1. Playground Inspections. (B. Lievense) Joe from Thompson DPW is planning to put wood chips and painting at the parks. Joe is also planning on taking care of the root. There is a checklist of inspections that was reviewed with the DPW. 2. Soccer Fundraising. (B. Lievense) NECONN does not do any fundraising, costs are covered by the registration fees.

10. Correspondence. None received.

11. Citizen's Comments. No Comments.

12. Announcements. No announcements.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2023 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted 05/06/2023

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.