



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Recreation Commission

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Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes April 26, 2023 6:30pm via Zoom

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1. Call to order/Record -The meeting was called to order by B. Lievense (Recreation Director) at 6:33 pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call -Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Ashley Lewis, Donna Poitras
Absent: Renee Waldron (Chair)
Community Members: Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary)
3. Minutes Review
March 22, meeting minutes were not available.
4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report - 80% of total fund usage, on track for fiscal year (June 30).
 - B. Fund Balance - Balance is about \$54,000. This is not accurate as there is about \$7,500 for the pickleball court which should have been paid for out of this account.
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report - Balance is \$22,000. This should be up \$7,500 once the pickleball payments are corrected.
5. New Business
Gazebo Plan. There may be more funds needed for soffit work at the gazebo which is about \$500. There is an additional \$1,500 needed for the lightening. DPW did do some landscaping around the gazebo. (C. Antos) Inquired if the Lions Club would be willing to assist with repairs.
6. Director's Report (given by B. Lievense)
 - A. Purely Recreation -There were 3 new sign-up this week. Current registrations are 18 morning and 40 afternoon registrations.
 - B. Special Events
 - Easter Egg Hunt. The event was held on the rain date, but it went well and was attended by more kids this year. One suggestion was that young kids should only have 1 parent helping pick up eggs.
 - Maker Fair. May 6th, at Riverside Park. There are 90 vendors registered, food trucks, and a singer performing in the gazebo.
 - Summer Concert Series. The first concert will be on June 24. The food truck coordinator reached out to see if he could provide services during the concerts.
 - Touch-a-truck. This will be held on June 1st and is a partnership with the Thompson Library and TEEG. They have various trucks registered.
 - Town Wide Yard Sale. Scheduled for July 29th, rain date August 5th. Registration is open.
 - Community Day. This will be held on September 30th.
 - C. Adult Programs
 - Yoga. The new session just started with 9 participants.
 - Tai Chi. The current session has been cancelled due to low participation. Next session will be in the summer.
 - Art Classes. The class had about 12 people at the event.
 - Bus Trips. "Daffodil Days" Blithewold Mansion was today with 27 people.
 - Line Dancing. A new instructor will be doing classes on Saturday mornings.
 - Pickleball. The court should be open on May 23rd. There are classes for beginners and advanced players during the week.

D. Senior Programs

- Senior Discussion/Lecture. The Tourtellotte Alumni Association presented on Mrs. Tourtellotte last month. Monday's discussion was presented on Billy Holiday; attended by 12 seniors. Upcoming discussion will be on Consciousness and Death.
- Senior Craft. Ongoing monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. There are about 10-12 crafters.
- Senior Luau. This will be in July with "The Coconuts" performing. There will also be the senior lunch on the same day.

E. Youth Programs

- Art Club/Lego Club. Lego club started this week. The nature program was cancelled due to low registrations.
- Medieval Feast. A family event scheduled for May 12th. The registration is slow; currently only 15 registrations.
- Mini Soccer. There are two sessions, both are filled up.
- Tennis. This will be held on the pickleball courts in July. There are 12 registrations.
- Summer Camp. Registrations for camp is open. There are 12 registrations so far; the goal is to have 40-50 registrations. There will be trips to Quaddick State Park, Bigelow Hollow State Park, Hammonasset State Park and Owen Bell.
- Epic Soccer Clinic. Registration is open and already gaining interest.
- Tourtellotte Basketball Camp. Registration is open and there are about 15-20 kids registered.
- Explore the Trail Camp. This will be the week after summer camp ends. This is opened to elementary and middle school students. This is being held in partnership with The Last Green Valley. There are some day trips scheduled in surrounding areas.
- (off agenda) Little League. Opening Day was Saturday. The parade had a large number of kids involved. Traditionally the Recreation Commission was invited to the opening day, but no invitation was received for this year.

8. Old Business.

1. Lights at Riverside Park. The quote came in at about \$90,000. The work will need to go out for bid.
2. Pickleball Court. The paving has been completed and sealcoating. The line painting will be done soon (weather permitting). The fence will be installed at a later date. Pickleball equipment was received.
3. Porch Fest. D. Clark is working on setting up a meeting with the Congregational Church to host the event on the commons. There is interest from local musicians. The key locations are Mason House, Marianapolis, Historical Society and Vernon Stiles Inn. B. Lievense will reach out to the various locations and see what date is available.

10. Other comments from the commission.

- C. Antos. We should send a card to Wayne Barber and Robbie L'Heureux for their time on the commission. (B. Lievense) I will send those cards and one to Brian Loffredo for donation of the microphone.

11. Correspondence. None

12. Citizen's Comments. No Comments.

13. Announcements. No announcements.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted 05/21/2023

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.