

# TOWN OF THOMPSON Recreation Commission

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## Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes May 24, 2023, 6:30pm via Zoom

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- Call to order/Record -The meeting was called to order by R. Waldron (Chair) at 6:35 pm and the recording started.
- Roll Call Renee Waldron (Chair), Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Ashley Lewis, Absent: Donna Poitras, Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary) Community/Staff Members: Brian Lievense (Recreation Director)
- 3. Minutes Review

March 22, meeting minutes were reviewed (at time stamp 1:06).

- Page 1, Roll Call Spelling typo "Frank Houle (Jack Beeny Softball league)" should be "Jack Benny Softball League"
- Page 1, Minutes were reviewed at time stamp 27:20; what is that? Discussion.
- \*\*C. Antos made a motion to accept the minutes with the (2) notations above; seconded by D. Clark. Motion passed 4-0-0.

April 26, meeting minutes were reviewed (at time stamp 6:16).

\*\*C. Antos made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by A. Lewis. Motion passed 4-0-0.

- 4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense)
  - A. General Fund Budget Report 88% of total fund usage; there is about a month left for the fiscal year.
  - B. Fund Balance There is about \$54,000 in this account. There are restricted donations in this account of \$41,549. There is about \$12,500 additionally in the fund which the Board of Finance has voted to take \$15,000 from this account.
    - The \$10,738 will be taken from the restricted donations fund and moved to the revolving account.
  - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report (1950) Balance is \$19,451.70; there should be about \$30,000 in this count. This shows that we paid \$10,738 for park improvements for the new pickleball court, which should be coming out of the total fund balance.

For the upcoming budget, the Board of Finance did not cut any line items in our proposed budget, but they are taking \$15,000 from the fund balance to offset the budget shortage.

Pickleball Court (at time stamp 14:01). B. Lievense provided a screenshare of the article on the new court. The fence is almost complete. There is no lock on the fence, but the nets are locked with a smart padlock that opens daily from 8am-8pm. If anyone wants to play outside of these hours need to request a code from the recreation department. There are some lessons/leagues scheduled; the remainder of the time is available first come first serve.

There are some costs that were not covered under the grants and previously encumbered money and additional costs for the repair/upkeep of the Gazebo.

(at time stamp 18:28).\*\*C. Antos made a motion to spend up to \$3,600 (from the restricted line) for expenses related to finishing the pickleball court and gazebo at Riverside Park; seconded by D. Clark. Motion passed 4-0-0.

- 6. Director's Report (given by B. Lievense)
  - A. Purely Recreation -There are about 40 kids daily as (4) additional kids sign up this month. Families are already registering for the fall. Morning attendance is 14 kids.

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#### **B.** Special Events

- Maker Fair. There were 90 vendors registered. Commission members reported the event was well received. Vendor surveys were reviewed with many mid-low sale score, 85% said they would return.
- Summer Concert Series. The first concert will begin a month from today with the Pulaski Brass Band (Polish Poker band). The food vendor, G Seven Caterers, selling golumpki and pierogies. There are (3) other concerts scheduled on future Saturday Nights.
- Touch-a-truck. Coming up on June 1st and is a partnership with the Thompson Library and TEEG. This is a free event. R. Waldron suggested that the A-Frame board be placed near the tax office to advertise the upcoming events to residents paying taxes.
- Town Wide Yard Sale. Scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, rain date August 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open with about (6) registrations.
- Community Day, September 30th. The first planning meeting is scheduled for next Friday.

#### C. Adult Programs

- Yoga. The current session has about (10) registrations.
- Tai Chi. The summer session was cancelled; the next session to begin in the Fall.
- Art Classes. Sessions are ongoing monthly on Friday nights.
- Bus Trips. This week's bus tour went to Aqua Tuft to see the Bee Gee's Tribute band. There was an overnight trip to Atlantic City in May. Next month there will be a trip to the Berkshires. There is another overnight trip in July to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. The lighthouse cruise is popular and almost sold out.
- Line Dancing. A new instructor will be holding classes for all ages. Classes will begin on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## D. Senior Programs

- Senior Discussion/Lecture. The Thompson Historical Society will be hosting the June 4<sup>th</sup> discussion on "Finding your Roots."
- Senior Craft. Ongoing monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. There are about 10 crafters.
- Senior Luau. This will be in July with beach music.

#### E. Youth Programs

- Mini Soccer. Ongoing.
- Mini Tennis. Starting in July on the Pickleball court.
- Adventure Camp. Registration is open. There are (3) groups separated by age. There is a registration cap for (60) kids. Several day trips are set up.
- Epic Soccer Clinic. There will be (2) sessions held. The first session will be at the end of June and has about (14) registrations.
- Tourtellotte Basketball Camp. Registration is open with about (32) current registrations. The camp will be held the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Explore the Trail Camp. This camp is a partnership with The Last Green Valley. There will be (2)
  levels of camp for elementary and middle school students. There are some day trips scheduled in
  surrounding areas.
- Summer Basketball League. The co-ed league will be held on the pickleball court on Saturdays for grades 5 and above (including adults). There will be (4) leagues: 5/6 grades; 7/8; grades; high school and adult. This will run for (6) weeks with a paid referee and paid coordinator onsite.

## 7. New Business

A. Adventure Camp Staff Hires/Re-hires for Summer 2023 (at time stamp 42:47)

List of hires was provided to members. There were (11) hires; (10) of them are returning leaders.

\*\*R. Waldron made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the (11) candidates provided to the commission by B. Lievense; seconded by D. Clark. Motion passed 4-0-0.

B. New Commission Member: Gloria Harvey

The new commission member was approved by the Board of Selectmen but still needs to be sworn in.

#### Old Business

- A. Pickleball Court. Previously discussed.
- B. Lights at Riverside Park. There were (2) formal quotes received by the town. The quotes varied from \$50,000-\$90,000.
- C. Porch Fest. D. Clark sent an article to B. Lievense about another town's Porch Fest. There has not been any movement on this event.

#### 10. Other comments from the commission.

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Program Evaluations - R. Waldron. There should be program evaluations from attendees for different programs. There was a suggestion to see what forms have been used in the past.

Thank you Cards - C. Antos. Can a thank you note be sent to Wayne Barber and Robbie L'Heureux for their time on the commission? B. Lievense will get the letters sent.

Commission Membership - C. Antos. There is still opening for (1) member on the commission.

- 11. Correspondence. None
- 12. Citizen's Comments. No Comments.
- 13. Announcements. No announcements.
- 12. Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, June 28, 2023 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.
- 13. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted 06/24/2023 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.