



**TOWN OF
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Recreation Commission

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**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2024
Via Zoom 6:30pm**

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1. Call to order / Record – The meeting was called to order by Brian Lievense (Recreation Director) at 6:31pm and the recording was started
2. Roll Call – Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Donna Poitras, Renee Waldron
Community/Staff Members: Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Lynn Looby (Recording Secretary)
Absent: Jen Hall, Gloria Harvey, Ashley Lewis
3. Minutes Review (at time stamp 0:55)
January 25, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed
****C. Antos made a motion to accept the January 25, 2024 minutes as presented; seconded by R. Waldron. Motion passed 4-0-0**
4. Financial Reports (at time stamp 1:53)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report – 62.9% of total fund usage
 - FY24 programming still a slight deficit due to Summer Camps
Purely Rec at about \$8,000 should end with a positive balance
 - Bus trips usually are just about even with cost vs. revenue
 - B. Fund Balance (current) - \$15,000-\$20,000 (estimated; awaiting confirmation from Bill Steglitz)
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report
 - \$14,510.26 – Turkey Trot funds have been distributed (\$5,300 TEEG; \$5,300 Thompson Trails; \$4,852 for registration software)
5. Director's Report (at time stamp 6:22)
 - A. Program Update
 - Purely Rec – 40 kids per day (after school); 13 kids per day (morning); recently hired a few new high school staff that are doing well
 - B. Special Events
 - Easter Egg Hunt 1-2pm – Saturday, March 23; Rain date, Saturday, March 30; Easter Bunny is confirmed; 11 am set up; will need 6 volunteers for the eggs and 4 volunteers for the crafts; Eggs will be delivered next week; 5000 eggs – 1000 stuffed with toys, 3000 stuffed with candy, and 1000 that will need to be stuffed with the help of the VFW; activities will include crafts, pictures, music

- Someone Special Dance – Friday, April 26; formerly father daughter, mother son dance; carnival theme; will now be a family event
- Maker Fair – May 4; currently 44 vendors registered about 50% from last year’s attendance still three months before registration ends; three food trucks confirmed
- Summer concerts – all booked; Wing Sinclair and the Flat Hammock Band (surf), Wooden Horse (Crosby, Stills, Nash tribute) Stone County (country rock), and a Blues Band; Food trucks for all concerts – first 3 are confirmed; still looking for the last concert

C. Adult Programs

- Yoga and Zumba have 12-14 people in each class
- Pickleball is very popular – will be offering lessons and a league in the Spring; Tournament being scheduled for May 18 and 19
- Bus Trips – 9 day and 2 overnight scheduled; all bus trips are open for registration except for the New York Botanical Garden (waiting until further in the summer season to confirm date); all trips have about 10-15 currently registered

D. Senior Programs

- Lecture/Discussion series well attended; Starting Heart Health (heart monitoring) program (if interest will be monthly); CT Historical Society will be doing an International Women’s Day Presentation on March 8
- Senior Crafts (monthly) – always well attended
- St. Patrick’s Day Party will be at Drafters with a corn beef dinner
- Pound Exercise and Chair Yoga have 10-12 people in each class (increase over the winter session)

E. Youth Programs

- Youth Basketball is done and was successful (150 kids); middle school boys (Pomfret) and girls (Putnam) tournaments with neighboring towns (Putnam, Woodstock, and Pomfret) will start the first week of March
- Mini Basketball has completed and participation was very good
- Mini Soccer will start in the Spring; an email blast will be sent tomorrow
- Winter Enrichment Programs – Comic Book has 11 participants; Science Club will be starting shortly; Art Club will begin next week
- Summer Adventure Camp – registration opens on March 1; resident registration will be \$175/week (\$13 increase) and extended day rate \$210/week (\$15 increase); non-resident registration will increase by \$15 each; 2 water days per week – Quaddick or Webster Lake and Rocky Neck Beach; field trips – Southwick Zoo, Trampoline Park, Dinosaur Place, CT Science Museum, Movies, Breezy Waterslide; several additional camps – Epic Soccer, Basketball Camp, Minds in Motion (STEM) Camp (smaller groups for the week after and before school)

6. New Business – none

7. Old Business (at time stamp 27:07)

A. Parks Master Plan

- Will be working on drafting a survey to begin the process

B. 2024 TRC Grant Applications (approval at March meeting)

- 3 of the 4 received; received – Senior Citizens Club, Project Graduation, and Thompson Little League; waiting on NECONN Soccer and will reach out

8. Other Comments from the Commission

- A. Darlene Trethaway recognition; Brian to reach out to Darlene about a meeting date for her or a family member to attend; letter is finalized and ready for signature

9. Correspondence – none

10. Citizen's Comments – none

11. Announcements – none

12. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 28, 2024

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Looby

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.