



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Recreation Commission

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Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes February 23, 2022 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 6:36pm. This is a discussion only.
2. Roll Call -Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Cynthia Antos, Wayne Barber, Donna Poitras, Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary)
Absent: Renee Waldron (Chair), Diane Keefe, Robbie L'Heureux, Thomas Jourdan
3. Minutes Review - Minutes from January 26th meeting was reviewed; (2) corrections noted; (1) under Roll Call Renee Waldron should be listed as Chairperson and (1) spelling correction, page #3; 6th line down the "t" is missing on the end of "brought". ****no motion was made as there was no quorum.**
4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report - As of February 16th we are at 59% use total budget. Relatively on track. We are 62.5% of the way through the fiscal year.
 - B. Fund Balance - Balance is still at \$49,394. This is unchanged from the previous report. There is \$3,000 encumbered for the work at the park gazebo.
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report - Current balance is \$55,179.65. OEC grants have been received.
5. Director's Report (given by B. Lievense)
 - A. Purely Recreation - Participation has been steady, February had 21 am and 26 pm registrations. No new registrations or any dropped registrations for the month of March.
****C.** Antos asked a question regarding the need for masks at the program. B. Lievense responded, as of March first children are no longer required to wear masks. The program follows the early childhood regulations. Staff will not be required to wear mask.
****C.** Antos, do we know how many children were vaccinated at the community event? B. Lievense, the event was rescheduled to March 4th.
 - B. Special Events
 - Bonfire. The event was cancelled about an hour before the event. The event will not be rescheduled.
 - Father Daughter Dance. The program was successful and well attended. The event was sold out with 65 participants.
****C.** Antos, could we do something along the lines of "Someone Special" dance. B. Lievense, that is an idea for next year's dance. There are plans for a Mother-Son Dance in May.
 - Easter Egg Hunt. Event scheduled for April 9th. Jaden (recreation office) will reach out to C. Antos who assisting with this program.
 - Maker Fair. Scheduled for May 7th. So far there are 35 vendors registered. Most are past participants. Some food trucks are already scheduled.
 - C. Adult Program

- Yoga. The Saturday instructor will be resigning for the next session (virtual). In-person yoga is ongoing on Wednesday at the Thompson Library.
- Adult Paint Night. This will be held at Drafters at the end of March.
- Spring Clean Up. Starting in March, this program is held by Thompson Together and the recreation department is supporting the program by distributing garbage bags and tallying the bags.
- Litter League. This new program will start at the end of spring cleanup. Community members, business, organizations, and families are encouraged to pick up litter in town. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program in September (around Labor Day).
- Community Art Show. Registration is open. Artwork to be displayed at the Thompson Library the month of April.

D. Senior Programs

- Senior Discussion/Lecture. Last discussion was given by a district judge on probate matters.
- Senior Strength and Balance. Ongoing.
- Senior Line Dance. Weekly on Wednesday's.
- Senior Craft. Ongoing.
- Senior Soiree. Senior sign along event at the Community Center. This was in collaboration with Thompson Business Association and was well attended.

E. Youth Programs

- Youth Basketball. This session is wrapping up. Last week of regular season is this Saturday. First week of March will have some tournaments scheduled at the Tourtellotte High School.
- Kids Night Out. This event was attended by 10 kids (sold out). Kids did crafts and had pizza from 4pm-7pm while parents went out.
- Lego Club. Weekly program ongoing. Ending this session in March and new session will be in April through May. Program is limited to 12 kids. There is also a science club that will be starting on Tuesday's.
- Minds in Motion. STEM Camp during April vacation week. Two sessions; (1) session, Robots, 9am-12pm and (1) session, CSI Crime Investigations, 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

6. New Business (given by Director B. Lievense)

A. TRC Grant Application Review

These were discussed at the last meeting. All applications were sent out to the commission members. Applications were received by Project Graduation, NECCON Soccer and Thompson Seniors.

7. Old Business.

A. Capital Projects

1. Riverside Basketball Courts/Pickleball Court. Grant application is due March 23rd. We received an estimate from Premier Sealcoating for \$8,000-\$10,000 to patch, resurface and paint the existing basketball court. The estimate did not cover additional painting for the pickleball courts or fencing. We should hold a special meeting to discuss reserving money for the grant match.

**C. Antos, there was a donation made to Recreation, for about \$10,000 for skateboard ramp. B. Lievense, the budget sheet only shows the balance, not where the money has come from. We can check with Renee Waldron regarding this donation.

8. Other comments from the commission.

- C. Antos. Commission to expire 04/15/2022. B. Lievense will submit the selectmen Cindy request for reappointment.

- C. Antos. Commission size, we need to submit a letter to the Selectmen to drop our number of commission members to 7 (currently we are at 9 members). B. Lievense will send a letter to the Selectmen with this request.

9. Correspondence. No Correspondence.

10. Citizen's Comments. No Comments presented

11. Announcements. None

12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 @ 6:30 PM by zoom. Special meeting on March 10th at 6:30pm for appropriation of funds for the AARP grant.

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted 3/2/2022

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.