



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Recreation Commission

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Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes August 24, 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 6:31pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call -Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Donna Poitras, Wayne Barber, Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary); Ashley Lewis
Absent: Renee Waldron (Chair), Robbie L'Heureux
3. Minutes Review
July 27, meeting minutes were reviewed. Corrections noted below by C.Antos
 1. Page 3 A. "Stripping" is spelt "Striping"
****D. Clark made motion to accept the minutes with the correction above; seconded by C. Antos.
Motion passed 4-0-0.**
4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense) - screen share
 - A. General Fund Budget Report - Total expenditures are about 13.7%. The biggest expense is the summer concerts which have ended. The fiscal year ending 2022 was positive \$1,144.75 which is about 98.7% of the budget was used.
 - B. Fund Balance - Balance is at \$49,149 at the end of fiscal year 2022, with \$3,000 encumbered for the work at the park gazebo (goal to be completed by Community Day) and up to \$10,000 allocated to work at the basketball/pickleball court. The fiscal year closeout has not been fully closed.
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report - Not discussed.
5. New Business
 1. Assistant to the Recreation Director Hired
Amanda Lincoln has been hired as 28 hours a week which would allow her to have benefits. Ten of those hours will be as a supervisor at Purely Recreation or Adventure Camp.
6. Director's Report (given by B. Lievense)
 - A. Purely Recreation - The program started today as the first day of school. There are currently about 50 registrations (compared to last year which averaged about 22 registrations). Several staff of past year and some camp counselors will be joining the Purely Recreation staff. There is 3 morning counselors and 6 afternoon counselors. Morning program has about 14 kids, the school is not offering a free morning program.
 - B. Special Events
 - Town-Wide Yard Sale. This was held last month. There were (66) total registrations; (50) residences and (16) booths at the common. About (115) maps were sold at the library, and another (40) were sold at the common. Thompson Recreation netted about \$340 in revenue from the fundraiser; Thompson Together received \$340 and gave a donation to the Thompson Congregational Church. Some concerns discussed were unsold items left at the common, traffic congestion, and unregistered booths/residences.
 - Summer Concerts. The last concert was August 20th featuring the East Woodstock Cornet Band.
 - American Foodie Festival - September 10th. Yard sign advertising can be noticed around town. No formal contract has been provided or a certificate of insurance. The vendor did supply written notice of the agreement, stating, Thompson is to receive 80% of vendor fees that are collected.
 - Community Day. October 1st. Vendor registration is open with (25) registrations currently received. Activities includes kid Roaming Railroad, inflatables, live band, and food trucks. Trails committee has

approached to see if we would like to go in on a purchase of a battery powered PA system. Rain date is Saturday, October 8th.

- Halloween Laser Light Show - October 27th. Only 1 show will be held, as the auditorium can be used at full capacity.
- C. Adult Program
 - Yoga. The new program will start in November.
 - Tai Chi. New session will start in September on Tuesday nights. Summer session had 13 registrations.
 - Litter League/Spring Clean Up. The program will begin in September running through November. There are (7) teams signed up with the hope of getting (1) more team. The bags will be collected on the last Saturday of the month, the team with the most yellow bags will win prizes. November would be cemetery cleanup.
 - Finding Your Roots. New program open to all adults. This is a 3-week program with genealogy tracing, graveyard tours and gravestone cleaning with the Gravestone Girls.
 - FitForYou Studio exercise course. Adult exercise program starting in the fall.
 - Self Defense. New program starting in the fall.
- D. Senior Programs
 - Senior Discussion/Lecture. Ongoing with good attendance. The discussion today was about Gillette Castle with about 10 in attendance. September will be by author Dave Kane about his book 41 Signs of Hope, which talks about his son who was killed in the Station Nightclub fire.
 - Senior Craft. This has been moved to the Thompson Library. Ongoing 2nd Tuesday of the month. There are about 10 crafters.
 - Bus Trips - Ongoing, the Salem trip was cancelled due to low registration. October will be the NH Turkey Train, which is sold out. The Yuletide Newport trip has about 30 registrations for the tour. The New York City trip has plenty of openings.
 - Ageless Grace. New program starting in September. This is a combination between the strength and balance class and a memory class.
- E. Youth Programs
 - Adventure Camp Report. There were about 70 registrations with about 40-50 campers each week.
 - Soccer Camp. The first clinic had 27 registrations. The second clinic had 30 registrations.
 - Basketball Camp. This program had 76 registrations and a total of 85 kids and was coached by Don Cushing (Don had 9 grandkids who played for free).
 - Explore the Trail Camp. This was for middle schoolers and ran for 2 weeks. The first week had 11 kids and the second had 12 kids. The camp was well received by the campers. A follow up meeting will be held with TLGV.
 - After-school Enrichment Programs. There are a bunch of new programs starting, Lego and Science Club, Cooking class, Music Camp over winter break, Art class in the fall. All programs will be separate from the Purely Recreation program.
 - Mini Soccer. Starting September 18th on Sunday mornings at Riverside Park. This program is for 3-4-year-olds, previous sessions have sold out quickly.

7. Old Business.

- A. Town Playground Update. We can't carry forward the park maintenance funds that were untouched last fiscal year. The roots will be the priority followed by laying some mulch and mats under the swings.

8. Other comments from the commission.

- C. Antos. Good job on WINY radio this morning. (B. Lievense) There is an agreement to be on once every other month so we will be on again before Community Day and before the Turkey Trot.
- D. Clark. Some towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts are participating in Porch Fest, this could be considered in the future.
- C. Antos. Will Tom receive a letter thanking him for the number of years on the commission. (B. Lievense) I will take care of this tomorrow.

9. Correspondence. No correspondence.

10. Citizen's Comments.

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- Ashley Lewis. Her commission application has been received. B. Lievense will discuss with Renee Waldron (Chair) and then the application will go to the First Selectmen for approval.

11. Announcements. No announcements.

12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.

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

Respectfully Submitted 9/5/2022

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.