



TOWN OF THOMPSON

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Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 26, 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 6:31 pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call -Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Dave Clark, Ashley Lewis, Donna Poitras, Wayne Barber, Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary).
Absent: Renee Waldron (Chair), Cynthia Antos, Robbie L'Heureux
3. Minutes Review
August 24, meeting minutes were reviewed. ****D. Clark made motion to accept the minutes; seconded by D. Poitras. Motion passed 4-0-0.**
4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report - Total expenditures are about 33%. The aide to recreation director position moved to a union position; wage increased from \$18.50 to \$21.74 per hour. This may put the fiscal year budget slightly over at the end of the year.
 - B. Fund Balance - Balance is 49,149.
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report - \$32,200 in the account right now. The OEC funds for Purely Recreation have about \$7,000 which should last through the end of January. The Purely Recreation salary is slightly over, due to the back pay given when Amanda Lincoln moved to a union position.
5. New Business
 1. Basketball Pickleball Courts.
 - Sealcoating. Mike Sealcoating has provided a quote for about \$6,000 to line and sealcoat the court. Premier Sealcoating in Oxford MA has provided an informal quote about \$15,000; we are still awaiting the formal quote. B. Lievense is looking to reach AstroTurf to get a third quote. The company recommended by Putnam has declined to provide a quote as they do not have the availability to complete the work.
 - Fencing. One quote was received from Anchor-One in Glastonbury for about \$6,700. A company in Killingly is supposed to be sending in a quote.
 2. 2023 Meeting Dates
Draft schedule was provided to everyone. ****D. Poitras made motion to accept the meeting dates as proposed; seconded by A. Lewis. Motion passed 4-0-0.**
6. Director's Report (given by B. Lievense)
 - A. Purely Recreation -There are 17 morning and 40 afternoon registrations. There were a few kids that withdrew, and some new kids enrolled for the quarterly session. OEC funds that are being used to pay for the salaries would be depleted by January 2023. Currently there are 6 staff members which could be reduced to 5 after the new year due to enrollments.
 - B. Special Events
 - Community Day, October 8th (rain date). Overall, a good crowd even though it was held on the rain date. There were some vendors and activity organizations that were unable to make the rain date.
 - Halloween Laser Light Show, October 27th. There are about 200 registrations for the event, hoping for more registrations at the door. There are about 300 goodie bags ready for kids.

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- Turkey Trot 2022, November 13th. Donations have surpassed what was collected last year. There are 90 people registered to run or walk. There are about 30 volunteers for the event.
- Alice in Wonderland Dance, December 2nd at the Thompson Library. Formally the father/daughter dance. This is open to all children (grades Kindergarten to 4th grade) with an adult.
- Snowflake Bazaar, December 10th (coincide with 1st day of basketball season) outside the TMHS gymnasium. Vendors will be selling holiday items, currently there are 10 registrations.
- Christmas Light Contest. Several businesses have donated \$100 prizes. Homes will be decorated and registered to win the prizes. Recreation Commission will vote on the winner of prizes.

C. Adult Programs

- Yoga. Returning on November 2nd. There are about half dozen registrations.
- Tai Chi. Session just ended, 11 registrations. New session will begin in a couple weeks.
- Litter League/Spring Clean Up. On-going with 18 participants. September winner was Putnam Rotary who donated the prize to the ARC of Eastern CT. October winner will be chosen after the October 31st collection. November cleanup will be collecting some leaves and sticks at local cemeteries in addition to trash cleanup. There will be a November winner and a grand prize winner after the competition ends.
- Art Classes. This is held at Drafters, the program has low registration.

D. Senior Programs

- Senior Discussion/Lecture. Judge Leah discussed probate this past week.
- Fall Spectacular. To be held in November with Bingo and games for seniors.
- Senior Craft. Continues once a month (2nd Tuesday).
- Line Dancing. New session beginning next week.
- Ageless Grace. Starts next week, chair and brain exercise for seniors with mobility issues. Program will run once a week for 1 month.

E. Youth Programs

- Youth Basketball. Program registrations just opened up. There are 40 registrations to date and 4 coaches. Evaluations will be held in 1 month.
- After-school Enrichment Programs. Very popular; Art, logo and science Clubs have sold out. They are exploring doing a swimming club at Koinonia to start November 7th.
- Santa's Workshop. Annual program in December for elementary students to make gifts for parents.

8. Old Business.

- A. Aide to the Recreation Director Position/Classification. This has been moved to a union position. The rate of pay is \$21.74 per hour and has 28 scheduled hours.

9. Other comments from the commission.

- D. Clark. Is there any information on the PA System. (B. Lievense) They have not purchased a system. The system that was used on Community Day was the same system that was going to be purchased. It seemed to work for the needs of the Recreation Department. The goal is still to purchase the system before Turkey Trot.

10. Correspondence. W.T. Rich/Brian Santos, sent over a \$1,000 donation to the Recreation Department, this will go into the general fund. B. Lievense will send a Thank You note.

11. Citizen's Comments. No Comments.

12. Announcements. No announcements.

12. Next Meeting: No Meeting in November. Next meeting Wednesday, December 14, 2022 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted 11/10/2022

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.