



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Recreation Commission

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Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023 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 6:37 pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call -Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Renee Waldron (Chair), Cynthia Antos Dave Clark, Ashley Lewis, Donna Poitras
Absent: Robbie L'Heureux, Wayne Barber, Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary).
Community Members: Erick Thorstenson (Little League); Michelle Giammarinaro (Human Resources Director); Amy St.Onge (First Selectmen); Amanda Lincoln (Aide to the Recreation Director)
3. Minutes Review
October 26, 2022, meeting minutes were reviewed.
 - Page 2, Director's Report/E. Youth Programs Bullet 2. Spelling mistake "logo" should be "Lego" ****C. Antos made motion to accept the minutes with the above spelling correction; seconded by R. Waldron. Motion passed 4-0-1.**
4. Financial Reports (given by Director B. Lievense)
 - A. General Fund Budget Report - Total expenditures are about 54.6% as of 1/20/2023.
 - B. Fund Balance - Balance is \$54,417. There was \$5,268 carried over from the previous fiscal year. There is \$3,000 allocated for the Riverside Gazebo improvements and \$10,000 allocated for the Riverside basketball/pickleball court project.
 - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report - Balance is \$6,892.82. Most of the OEC COVID grant funds have been used. There was a discussion on the low balance of this account (deficits, revenue, expenditures, grant options).
5. New Business (Screenshare by Brian Lievense)
 1. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget
 - Budget was discussed the overall budget ask is \$112,143.49; the proposal will be given to the Board of Finance on 01/26/2023. The bulk of the increase is for the aide to the recreation director salary added to the general budget; there is a about \$15,000 increase over the previous year. Small increases to other line items. ****R. Waldron made motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by C. Antos. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
 2. 2023/2024 TRC Grant applications
 - Current applications that have been received are NECONN for \$1,200; Seniors \$1,500.
 - Pending applications that have not been received Little League \$2,000 and Project Grad \$250
 3. AARP Grant Proposal
 - There is another grant opportunity for seniors. Thompson was not successful last year. Some ideas were Sensory Garden along the riverbed, seating in park, and re-applying for pickleball court work.
6. Director's Report (given by B. Lievense)
 - A. Purely Recreation -There are 18 morning and 38 afternoon registrations. There is one registration for the whole year with monthly reoccurring payments.
 - B. Special Events

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- Snowflake Bazaar. There were 30 vendors which raised over \$800.00. The funds will be used for funding the bi-monthly senior newsletter.
- Maker Fair. This is being held May 6th at 11am until 4pm; rain date is May 7th. The price for booth registration was raised \$5.00 to \$30 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Registration opened this week and there is 16 vendors registered so far.
- Christmas Light Contest. The winner was 2 Heritage Circle, they received a \$100 gift card. There was a tie for 2nd place to Linehouse Road and Whittemore Road; each home received a \$50 gift card.
- Winter Bonfire. This was held on January 14th with about 40 people in attendance. There was \$180 raised for Project Graduation.
- Easter Egg Hunt. Will be held April 1st; rain date is April 8th. There will be a pizza truck vendor.
- C. Adult Programs
 - Yoga. Ongoing with 13 registered.
 - Tai Chi. There are 11 registrations.
 - Bus Trips. Still popular, we have a partnership with Friendship Tours. There are day and overnight trips available.
 - Art Classes. There was a class on January 13th with 9 people in attendance.
 - Community Art Show. Taking submission for the art show.
- D. Senior Programs
 - Senior Discussion/Lecture. Next discussion will be Katherine Hepburn presentation by the CT Historical Society. They are looking for new discussion topics and locations.
 - Senior Valentine's Day party. This will be held on February 8th at the Thompson Library. There will be a Honky Tonk singer.
 - Senior Craft. Continues once a month with about 10 crafters.
 - Line Dancing. This is on pause.
 - Ageless Grace. Returning in February.
- E. Youth Programs
 - Youth Basketball. There was 168 participants between the ages of 3-14.
 - Art Club/Lego Club. Enrichment programs have full registrations.
 - Swim Gym. The program has lower attendance for the winter program.
 - Santa's Workshop/Cupid's Workshop/Kid's Night Out. All popular programs.

8. Old Business.

1. Basketball Pickleball Courts.
The Department of Public Works has removed the guiderail and ground down some stumps in preparation for the chain link fence. The goal is to have the sealcoating complete in early-May for the court to be open in mid-May.

9. Other comments from the commission.

- C. Antos. Asked about upcoming re-appointments. H. Gauthier read the list of members (Dave Clark, Wayne Barber, Robbie L'Heureux) who need to present to the selectmen office before March 28th so their names can be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the April 4th meeting.

10. Correspondence.

11. Citizen's Comments. No Comments.

12. Announcements. No announcements.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 6:30 PM by zoom.

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted 01/25/2023

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.