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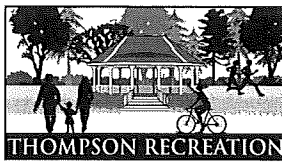
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TOWN CLERK, ASST

**Recreation Commission Special Meeting  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020; 7:00 PM  
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall**

1. Call to order- The call to order was by Chair Steve Bordua at 7:00pm
2. Roll call-  
Present: Chair Steve Bordua, Thomas Jourdan, Dianne Keefe, Robbie L'Heureux, Kimberly Prescott, Renee Waldron, Lesley Munshower; Recreation Director, Ashley Pomes; Recording Secretary  
Absent: Cynthia Antos, Donna Godzik, Robert Monahan
3. Minutes review: December 4, 2019- **Motion T. Jourdan seconded by R. L'Heureux to approve the minuets of December 4,2019 carried unanimously.**
4. Financial Reports
  - A. General Fund Budget Report- There is \$400 left in the summer concerts available budget, this is being used for porta-potties. The funds left in the community day budget are being used to purchase new tents that were damaged last year. Office supplies will be ordered soon and L. Munshower states she is looking into doing an additional laser light show possibly sometime in April/May with a patriotic theme.
  - B. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report- There was a loss of \$110 showing for the farmers market, that is an error that has been resolved. Summer camp revenue has continued to come in over the last month. A check has been received from RaceWire for the Turkey Trot, it will be presented to TEEG next week and then REC will receive close to \$2,000.
  - C. Fund Balance- There was a discussion about what to use program surplus funds for, some ideas were for additional staff if necessary, field trips, replacing supplies in need of repair, additional training for staff, and help towards the 2020 busing costs.
5. Director's Report
  - A. General Report- New session of Purely Rec has started, today was the annual inspection done by the state, they received 100% score. Basketball is going well, new program called Dancer for a Day runs once a month with a different style dance featured every time, yoga is going well, registrations are being taken for CT boating course. March 1<sup>st</sup> is Worcester Railers Night, discounted tickets for Thompson families and a hat is given with ticket purchase, Cyclocross is taking place March 29<sup>th</sup>, L. Munshower is looking in to possibly providing yoga classes for people who are waiting for racers to finish, also maybe an arts and crafts project for adults and children. Bands and events are starting to be booked/scheduled for the 2020 season.

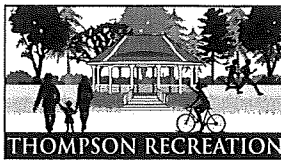
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- B. Selectman's Update- In the next few weeks a Selectman's update will be going out to just over 4,000 households in the Thompson Community.
  - C. Annual Report- An annual report was presented in print to members of the commission, it states the transitions in staff that were made within the Recreation Department as well as listing programs and events that were offered by the Recreation Department during the fiscal year 2018-2019.
  - D. Parks Review- On January 11<sup>th</sup> a group consisting of Steve Bordua, Lesley Munshower, Rich Benoit from DPW, First Selectman Amy St. Onge and Charlene Langlois went to tour parks at Riverside, Wilsonville, Heritage, Mechanicsville and Grosvenordale. They looked at the erosion at Riverside Park that needs to be addressed for the spring/summer season, L. Munshower is getting info from numerous resources regarding the bridge at Riverside Park and whether it needs to be replaced or just repaired. Other than those issues it is just some minor repairs and maintenance needed, the parks are overall in good shape.
6. Budget Review/Approval- L. Munshower prepared a budget spreadsheet for the commission to review. After discussion between commission members regarding some of the budget items, such as staff pay increases as well as additional hours for summer staff, L. Munshower is going to revise the current budget plan and email an electronic copy to all commission members for review and to vote on.
7. Old Business
- A. Bad Dept Report- At the request of the commission at the previous meeting, L. Munshower got the info for the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 seasons for the bad debt amounts and accounts. In 2015 there was an outstanding balance of \$25, in 2016 there were 12 delinquent accounts totaling \$2,820, in 2017 there were 16 delinquent accounts totaling \$1,831 and in 2018 there were 13 delinquent accounts totaling \$4,459. Most of those accounts have come from Purely Rec and Summer Camp. The Commission decided to continue to try to collect the debt on the 2018 accounts as well as any accounts still due for the 2019 season. L. Munshower will attempt to make contact by placing a phone call as well as mailing a letter and sending emails to all delinquent accounts prior to next meeting.
8. Other from the Commission/Staff- T. Jourdan asked Chair S. Bordua if he had looked into the possibility of lowering the amount of commission members, which would lower the amount necessary to make a quorum to hold a meeting. Both S. Bordua and R. Waldron answered stating they have looked into this, in order for this to take place, the commission would need to make a proposal that would go to the selectman and then a town ordinance would need to be changed. There is also the possibility of lowering the commission member total but adding alternates to keep the ability for more members to attend the meetings. There will continue to be discussion regarding this next meeting. L. Munshower asked the commission if they would be

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interested in changing the monthly meeting time to 6:30pm from 7:00pm. All members were in favor of this change. **Motion K. Prescott seconded by R. L'Heureux to change the monthly meeting time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm carried unanimously.**

9. Correspondence- none

11. Citizens' Comments- none

12. Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2020@ 6:30 PM  
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

13. Adjourn- Chair S. Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.