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Recreation Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

1. Call to Order – The call to order was at 7:08 PM by Recreation Director Lesley Munshower.
2. Roll Call – Present: Chairman Steve Bordua, Cynthia Antos, Robert Monahan, Thomas Jourdan, Robbie L'Heureux, Lesley Munshower; Recreation Director, Ashley Pomes; Recording Secretary
Absent: Renee Waldron, Diane Keefe, Wayne Barber
3. Approval of Minutes 2/26/2020 – Motion made by R. Monahan seconded by R. L'Heureux to approve the minutes from 2/26/2020 carried unanimously.
4. Financial Reports –
 - a.) General Fund Budget Report – L. Munshower is anticipating some unspent amounts in the budget due to programs/events being cancelled. The Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled but 250 Easter Egg kits were giving out at the 4 school lunch sites with the remaining kits being left at the town hall for pick up. S. Bordua asked if some of the funds can be used for next year since so much has been cancelled this year. L. Munshower says she has been asking about this, possibly some money could be encumbered for some seniors' events that have been rescheduled for later in the year and some funds will be returned to the town's general fund at the end of the fiscal year.
 - b.) Revolving Account Report – There is \$1600 to collect in Purely Rec, still need to confirm refund amount is correct, should have a more accurate total in May. There is \$1500 to collect in Summer Camp 2019. Refunds still need to be issued in babysitting, mother/son and a few other youth programs. There is an expected decrease, but the current bottom line is \$267.
 - c.) Fund Balance – No major changes. Youth center and software charge were taken off, turkey trot was put on. This is a challenging year for the REC program with the transfer of the youth center bad debt and the increase in transportation costs for summer camp, anticipating a break even or deficit this year. This is the report that was sent to the Board of Finance, the meeting went well presenting fiscal year 20-21, no decisions have been made yet.
5. Director's Report –
 - a.) General Report – Due to COVID-19 there were a lot of events cancelled or postponed. It has been difficult to know how far to look out to reschedule events for, L. Munshower is looking into some online events such as yoga and wellness classes as well as a preschool aged online soccer program. As of right now schools are to be closed until May 20th, if they do reopen, Purely Rec will need to be ready to start running again. L. Munshower is also looking into different ways summer camp could be possible depending on the COVID-19 situation. Right now childcare cannot have any more than 10 children at a time, temperatures need to be taken daily and parents are not allowed to enter into childcare buildings, if this is the guidelines that are still

in place during the summer there is the possibility of running multiple programs with 10 children or less. There are other challenges that occur with this, staff will need to be certified in CPR, Epi-pen and medication administration. There are some staff members that have current CPR certifications but not Epi-pen and medication administration, so if the staff is not able to get the classes for that certification, they will not be able to take any children that could require those things. L. Munshower also spoke about the possibility of summer school/camp combined where kids would go to school in the morning for academics and then participate in camp activities in the afternoon. Also, by the end of this week on the town social media page there will be something called "Community Stars" where people can nominate anyone who lives within the town of Thompson who they think has been doing outstanding work. There was also talk about "Takeout Tuesday" which will encourage people to support local businesses by ordering takeout food from restaurants in Thompson on that day. The United Way has reached out and asked for the town to identify 5 families who may be struggling financially due to COVID-19 so that they can help to support them, REC is referring 3 families and TEEG is referring the other 2 families. April roadside cleanup has been doing incredible as has the new program being run by EDC called "NIPS for Holiday Cheer", which encourages people to collect empty NIP bottles on the roadside and turn them in for \$.10 per bottle, the collection process should start at the end of May/beginning of June, money will be awarded in the form of gift cards.

b.) COVID 19 Update – See above

6. Other from Commission/Staff – C. Antos asks if the children were happy to receive the Easter candy? L. Munshower says they were very excited, she received pictures of them holding their Easter bags at the school lunch handout sites. Kimberly Prescott has resigned from the commission due to a move out of state, L. Munshower has reached out to a parent who is active in the community to see if she would be interested in possibly joining the commission.
7. Correspondence – None
8. Citizens' Comments – None
9. Announcements: Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 6:30PM
Zoom Meeting
10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM by Recreation Director Lesley Munshower.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Pomes; Recording Secretary