

Recreation Commission minutes 4/17/17

Commission members in attendance: Recreation Commission Chair—Peter Bakker, Jr., Pamela Welles, Melissa Roy, Recreation commission secretary—Cara Nguyen, and Recreation Department Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki.

Commission members absent: Rejean Labrie, Donna Farr.

Meeting called to order- 7:03 p.m.

No Public input.

Meeting of March minutes reviewed. Noted one correction in dates under old business related to camp deadlines. Motion to approve minutes with changes by Ms. Welles, seconded by Ms. Roy. Vote passed.

Correspondence reviewed. Correspondence re: Easter egg hunt were discussed. Confirmation of the location and advertising discussed with Rose's Kitchen, The General Store and The Glass Blowing Studio in Riverton. There was also correspondence related to events and event planning for summer camp with the MDC, Historical Society, Farmington River Steward, FALPS, ShopRite and Nature Museum. Summer camp details with Camp Director and Assistant Director. Finally, there was some emails w/ karate instructor related to gym use given the postponement of the penny auction from the school.

Old business discussed. The interview process has begun for counselors for summer camp and is yielding good contacts. Several interviews have been underway. Discussed early bird registration for half day registration, which commission members felt was reasonable. Discussed sibling discount of 5.00 multiple child discount, which commission also agrees is useful. Theme for camp is the "Olympics" for this year and will tie in Barkhamsted spirit. The event request sent to MDC to secure the waterfront and we are waiting to see which beach West or East is available.

Nature camp discussed. Discussed finances of nature camp and idea of securing minimum staff ratio. Ms. Carney-Bastrzycki will discuss further with Ms. Molly Sexton-Read who is the Director of nature camp.

Earth Day will be celebrated by the town on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at People's Forest Pavilion. There will be a nature scavenger hunt and activities. The time is 12 to 4:30. The Recreation Commission will have a booth.

Discussed the Easter egg hunt. The Egg hunt had an excellent turnout. Much preparation was involved. A total of \$152.57 was spent on supplies. There are some supplies, including 4 boxes of dinosaur eggs that can be used for next year or summer camp.

Karate program continues. There are 6 kids participating in the program now. The Instructor Charlotte Silkey is doing well with the class.

New business Discussed.

Upcoming events are Earth day, which will include a booth by the Recreation Commission among many activities that day. Upcoming FALPS events discussed and advertising these programs. Other event planned for summer is the moonlight canoe, which will likely take place in August. There is a possibility for a paddle board class or classes w/ local business. More discussion will take place when details and schedule are known. Also a nutrition class by staff from Shop rite discussed. Joint programs with the Farmington River Steward Program also discussed.

There has been a request for assistance in constructing a possible Volleyball court. Discussed cost. Discussed some concerns regarding ability to find someone to maintain this over time. Will determine whether folks are aware and utilizing existing public volley ball courts in New Hartford and other towns.

Fundraisers discussed. FALPS is holding a raffle for canoe. Tickets are \$20.00. The Flat bread fundraiser for The Recreation Summer Camp is Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Commission members agree to spread word to increase attendance also discussed the times of arrival during the actual Fundraiser. Advertising the Summer camp and Fundraiser was also planned and discussed. Ms. Roy has requested a table at the opening day of baseball and is willing to man this for us. PTO auction discussed. Discussion also about the Riverton Still River Music Festival and helping to advertise. Recreation Director-Donna Carney-Bastrzycki will confirm with Don Stein about advertising this event before proceeding.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34pm. Dr. Nguyen made motion to adjourn with Ms. Welles seconding. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cara Nguyen

Recreation Commission Secretary.