



Recreation Commission

Commissioners

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Vice Chair-Bob Katilus

Treasurer-Tom Williams

Secretary-Theresa McNulty

Member-John Shea, Joe Floeck, Jessica Packer

Selectman Liaison

Peter Spagone, Jr.

Meeting Minutes October 29, 2020

6 members in attendance for this meeting - Jessica Packer absent. Additional attendees: Selectman Peter Spagone, Jr, Town Administrator, Brian Noble, DPW Director, John Haines
Guests: Dave Cronin & Zack Michonski from Arts Council & LaCrosse

Meeting opened at 7:18pm

Review of meeting minutes of 8/19/20 Motion to accept made by Tom, 2nd by John S, unanimous vote in favor.

Discussion on letter sent to sports teams and how data gathered will be reviewed. Mr. Noble's office will receive all info and review documents sent over by Rec Commission from sports teams. He will submit necessary paperwork to town insurance & keep all documents in locked files at Selectmen's office.

Initial data shows varied enrollment. Soccer 1500, baseball 250-450, basketball 200, lacrosse 180-210 Note that this varies in all groups somewhat year to year. High school may have some use of Strong's Field. No reports in from Youth football yet.

DPW received an email from baseball asking what services DPW provides, what their needs are, etc. This will be helpful as we move forward with a plan for capital projects & maintenance. Phase 2 will be to ask for plants, maintenance needs and upcoming capital projects.

Per discussion, all these requests from any sports teams should also be forwarded to the Rec Commission and discussed with DPW director at Rec meetings, so everyone is working together.

Some sports groups are not aware of funding options with town, or timelines for town meeting, capital projects. Our goal is to support them and direct them to successfully achieve funds for infrastructure, capital projects, etc.

The town has requested the creation of a temporary assistant to the Rec Commission to gather data from all sports groups and bridge the communication gap.

Discussion on what that position looks like-temporary help, post internally first, will it be hourly or stipend? Mr. Noble will look at some job descriptions and assist in writing of position
We are looking for: what do we have for facilities? Snack bars, fields, town owned sites, what needs to be developed? Improved? Who plays where and when? How much time & money do the sports groups put into their fields? Who schedules field use? Get schedules for all Who is on fields? Town or out of town use? After data collection report will need to be done with all supporting documents and presented to Rec Commission

Next step: build job description/outline of duties and timeline for completion Each Rec member to send ideas of what role/description should be Then vote on pay and description and have Brian Noble post the position

Field use forms should be filled out for anyone wanting to use town fields
Town common and Sachem Rock are discussions?

The hockey rink issue (electrical) will be handled by the DPW so that it can be used by lacrosse and for other activities safely DPW and Lacrosse will meet to discuss the repairs needed and potential expansion/field use at Church St, DPW director will let us know at future meeting

Both hockey rink and basketball court are in need of repairs
Is this a capital project we should be putting forward?
DPW director will look at the court, there could be potential to remill/resurface and let us know

Middle school field/sports area -potentially could be repaired- tennis and basketball areas could be used—for further discussion on usage potential and costs

Food wagon-there was someone interested in using it. It is in severe disrepair and leaks
Peter F will follow up with person interested in it.

Arts Council -Dave C talked about their state and town funding They are looking for members
They have funded the school art shows, stem nights, science guy
They would like to consider several events in the future such as-a gala at Sachem Rock
Funded orchestra at High school, helped build photo club at HS & equipment there
Would love to get students & local artists involved in murals around town, maybe at snack shacks, dug outs, in center? Would love to get more events and activities going

John S reports checks in from Firecracker sports for \$1,000. & \$480. From Hawkeye baseball
Tom to make deposits at town hall

Next meeting to be Thursday, November 19th at 7pm Will be going back to the 3rd Thursday of
each month for consistency.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23pm by Tom, second by John S, unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McNulty
Secretary