

Rec Commission meeting 04/26/23

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Attendees:

- Josh Smith
- Robin Steele
- Nikki Taylor
- Bopha Malone
- Julie Halloran
- Mike O'Donnell

Ron made a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, Julie seconded passed 3-0-0 (Mike was not in attendance for the vote)

Update from Nikki Taylor

Nikki reflected that there was time during Covid for analysis to gain better insights on current programming and needs going forward. We have added new programming and we are reaching other age groups for example pre-K soccer now starts at age 2, and participation has been great.

Other items reported:

- High level of response and great interest from coach volunteers
- Trying to reach out and embrace volunteers through things like coached games
- Over 150 volunteers
- We have a zero-tolerance policy and its being respected
- Nikki has developed strong relationships with key vendors that provide some of the programming – this has given us high quality programming we could not otherwise provide
- Improved accessibility in fields will be helpful, today Nikki manages this making sure families are comfortable at assigned fields
- Nikki has addressed field resource limitations with creative programming one example field sharing for the 600 participants of soccer
- Nikki feels Inclusion going well when she looks across the programs and participants including STEM programs
- Leveraging strong relationship with middle school principle to get teachers to provide programming which has added to overall diversity of programs - examples being chess club, table tennis, and sports conditioning
- Have added a skateboarding class which is well attended
- Summer stock will be offered again
- Could really use another set of hands to help with administration - Josh is investigating what is possible
- Summer

- All SA spots filled
- More CIT requests than available spots, interviews currently taking place
- Adventures away is filled up, a thought in the future may be to add 8th grade programming as there seems to be a programming gap for this age group
- SBP
 - Shade structures are up
 - Apron replaced on the bottom where sand and hard surface meet to improve the transition
 - There will be some limited concessions this year
- Turf Discussion
 - Focused turf study proposed as a foundation both to determine turf needs but perhaps as part of a larger recreation set of needs
 - Bopha agreed to discuss the value of the study with select board
 - Ron made a motion to approve the study, Julie Seconded passed 4-0-0
- Other Items
 - Skateboard repairs complete
 - Town Center Playground project signed off by select board
 - Q3 financials next meeting
 - Water bill at Town Center that was Kids Club has been corrected and town will appropriately pay entire bill going forward as they have been

Next meeting: 05/24/23, 7pm

Ron makes motion to adjourn, Julie seconded. Passed 4-0-0