

Rec Commission meeting 06/28/23

Meeting called to order

**Attendees**

- Robin Steele
- Josh Smith
- Julie Halloran
- Raeann Gembis
- Heidi Trockman
- Barbara Purcha Cultural Council
- Susann Schwartz resident

Heidi made a motion and Ron seconded to approve 5-24-23 Recreation Minutes – passed 4-0-0

**Adult programs**

Raeann provided the update

- We provide many very popular adult programs and overall programming has grown both in offerings and participants
- It is a challenge due to space, instructor and resource limitations for example a dedicated art space and gym space
- Raeann does look for opportunities to share with other towns to provide greater opportunities
- There are some virtual or hybrid classes which are popular
- The commission thanked Raeann for her excellent work in this area

**SBP Update**

- At this point registration is down waiting to see what happens in the warm weather
- Staffing is sufficient
- The snack shack has returned with some offerings
- We did have to purchase sand and a dock section replacement which the commission fully supports
- The park opened and looks great
- The SBP director Mary Gallant has a great connection with her staff and is a strong leader

**Summer Adventures**

- Inclusion has been addressed and continues to be a focus
- Invested in new equipment and supplies
- Relationship with schools is good and additional space has been provided
- Discussed expanding the adventures away program
- We offered CPR to the counselors

- Peter announced he is leaving towards the end of the summer and plans to return next year; Josh has indicated there is enough strong leadership to manage during this absence

#### **Bedford day**

- We agreed the rec department should take over the race and look to investing the revenue into recreation scholarships

#### **Other Business**

- Discussed the request for support for a structure that could be used for concerts, other art related activities or a shade structure at times – we agreed there is a need but location is an issue
- We agreed to provide a letter of support
- We discussed the desire to honor Amys service in some way = we will discuss in future meetings

Ron made a motion and Heidi seconded to allow the next meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to be done on Zoom allowing other participation – passed 4-0-0

Ron made a motion and Heidi seconded to adjourn – passed 4-0-0