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Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting: October 9, 2019
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way

Members Present: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Sherry Kraus, Christopher Weitz, Jennifer Mullin

Others Present: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation
Peg Busse, Board of Finance Member; Kristen Harp; Recording Secretary;

AGENDA:

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:57PM.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 11, 2019 regular meeting

MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (MULLIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTMEBR 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.

IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- A. **Administrative Assistant update:** There are approximately 51 application received. The Recreation Director and Human Services Director are planning for interviews the end of October and beginning of November.
- B. **Ellington Greater Together Community Fund:** Dustin attended a meeting this week. The Town of Ellington will be receiving about \$50,000 in funding to be used for nonprofits. There will be a selection committee set up to select the advisory committee who will allocate where the funds go.
- C. **Update on Jacob's Park:** Dustin met with Sara Poulin, Lori Spielman, and Tim Webb to discuss the option of Robert Tedford Memorial Park as a location for the projected project. Tom Boscarino noted that the discussion was on the agenda at the last Board of Selectman meeting and reviewed a proposal to the playground to replace the existing playground, the deck hockey rink would be put where the current sand volleyball court is (and the volleyball court would be moved to a new location in the park), and a new proposal of a splash pad was added and would potentially go between the tennis courts and football field. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the update. Dustin will keep them informed as he hears if the foundation would like to move forward with this location.

- D. **Review of fall programs:** Fall soccer will be wrapping up by the beginning of November. The youth volleyball program has been going well, and Mary Bartley is working with the surrounding towns to plan the trips offered to the communities.
- E. **Travel basketball evaluations:** Evaluations are coming up. They format will remain the same as previous years with four evaluations per level. Dustin and Mary worked with Kevin Hayes to set up a coaching clinic. The High School boys coach will help run the clinic using the high school players and focus on the importance of sportsmanship over winning. The coach's clinic is set for November 18th. The Recreation Department is still working on finalizing travel coaches.
- F. **Giroux scoreboard dedication:** The dedication is set for November 2, 2019 at 10:00am prior to the last soccer game of the season.
- G. **Special events schedule**
 - a. **JRP 3v3:** The event is being held on Monday, October 14th at Robert Tedford Memorial Park. There is still time to submit teams if interested.
 - b. **Tedford Park dedication:** The dedication is set for October 26, 2019. The first ceremony will begin at 8:45AM prior to the races with the closing tributes beginning around 11:15AM after the conclusion of the races. The schools have emailed the flyer out to all parents.
 - c. **Trail of Treats:** The Trails Committee will be hosting Trail of Treats again this year. There are over 50 vendors expected at the event. The event will be October 28th from 5:00-7:00PM.
 - d. **Hunter Giroux scoreboard dedication:** The dedication is set for November 2, 2019 at 10:00am prior to the last soccer game of the season.
 - e. **Hunter Giroux basketball tournament:** The tournament is set for the weekend of December 6-8th. Friday and Saturday will be the main days and Sunday will be used as a makeup day.
- H. **Recreational basketball liaison inquiry:** The commission reviewed who the liaisons to programs were and what boards they were all on. They also discussed the responsibilities of being on the commission.
- I. **Eagle Scout projects (Batz Property) and Sandy Beach:** The farm tables that were done at the Batz property are completed. The Eagle Scout working on the guard shack is finishing up making sure they have all the appropriate permits.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Finance: budget review:** None
- B. **Maintenance: Field usage:** None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Discuss: Disc Golf course:** Sherry and Dustin have reviewed the Stein property again and believe that if the parking situation is completed that this could be a good property to create a disc golf course.
- B. **Discuss: Donated lights:** Chris Weitz stated that the lights have started to be installed on the football field. The football boosters were asked to fund approximately \$30,000 of the cost of installation. The Board of Education will be looking to fund part of the additional lighting needed in next year's budget.
- C. **Tedford tribute ad hoc committee:** The committee is meeting again on October 9, 2019 and will meet at least one more time before the event. They expect about six speakers for the closing tributes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. ADJOURN

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:18PM.

Submitted by:

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Kristen Harp