



“Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community.”

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

Vice-Chairman Cynthia Antos called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Donna Godzik, Cynthia Antos, Kim Prescott, Rob Lheureux, Bob Monahan and Diane Keefe.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Newell.

Secretary’s Report

1. **Bob Monahan moved and Kim Prescott seconded the motion to accept the July 26, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.**

Bob Monahan—yes; Rob Lheureux—yes; Kim Prescott—yes; Cynthia Antos—yes; Donna Godzik—abstain; Diane Keefe—yes.

Treasurer’s Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. The budget has not been passed yet therefore the general fund budget is incomplete so far.
 - b. The Summer Concerts budget was passed before the issue with this year’s budget.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.
 - a. A comparison of the last three years of Summer Camp was provided.
 - b. The funds for the 8th grade clean up are provided by a grant from The Last Green Valley.
 - c. The New York City trip is almost sold out. The revenue has not shown up yet in the budget report.

Correspondence

1. A parent of one of the summer campers sent a letter to the commission requesting a refund for the last three weeks of camp which his daughter did not attend. The parent claims the policy was not clear enough and was not explained to him. He also claims his child was not enjoying camp and therefore did not want to attend the last three weeks.
 - a. **Kim Prescott moved and Donna Godzik seconded the motion to waive the remaining balance on the account and to make the policy clearer next year. The motion carried.**
Bob Monahan—yes; Rob Lheureux—no; Kim Prescott—yes; Cynthia Antos—yes; Donna Godzik—yes; Diane Keefe—yes.
2. The Finance director sent a letter to clarify what to do without the budget for the Halloween Laser Light Show. The Finance Director suggested moving the show to the general fund budget to have it funded for this year.
 - a. **Cynthia Antos moved and Donna Godzik seconded the motion to fund this year’s laser light show from the recreation general fund. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Director’s Report

1. Angela Newell reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. Angela Newell found discrepancies in the funding for the senior strength program. There may have been some confusion when the program switched from once a week to twice a week.
 - b. The youth basketball program still needs a t-shirt sponsor. Donna Godzik suggested some possible sponsors for Angela Newell to look into. The scholarships will be provided by NOW this year.
 - c. Angela Newell confirmed with Priority Payments that the department incurs a .59% bank fee per credit card transaction.
 - d. There will be a new cutoff policy for trip tickets.
 - e. The TMHS music ensemble will provide entertainment for the senior luncheon.
 - f. Community Day had over 60 booths and 26 banners this year.
 - g. The Red Sox/Yankees game bus trip with Pomfret was a success. Next year, Angela Newell believes this trip could be filled without partnering with Pomfret.

Old Business

1. Steve Bordua and Rob Lheuroux plan to visit the parks in town to make a list of park improvements. Donna Godzik helped clean up the concession stand at Riverside Park and suggested it could use some painting and better security.
2. Care 4 Kids required the Purely Rec department to have their files on site at the school. The filing cabinet has been installed and the Purely Rec program now has a small room within the school to keep supplies in.

New Business

1. The Highway Department has been finishing some projects submitted by the Recreation Department. Some of these projects have been on the list for three or more years and are finally being addressed.
 - a. **Cynthia Antos moved and Rob Lheuroux seconded the motion to send a letter to the selectmen about the good job Pete at the Highway Department is doing. All in favor. The motion carried.**
2. The Recreation Department survey link was included in the Selectmen's Update. So far, 22 participants have completed the survey. The commission discussed the suggestions from the survey. Some options other than sports for children over the age of 11 are needed. The survey requested more Facebook posts and emails about future events.
3. The commission reviewed the breakdown of the past three years of summer camp. Angela Newell explained the cell phone plan is used for both Summer Camp and Purely Rec. Depending on when the plan is up is how they determine which program pays for it.

Citizens' Comments

Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman Cynthia Antos adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

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