



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

## **MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017**

Chairman Steve Bordua 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: Kim Prescott, Bob Monahan, Rob L'Heureux, Steve Bordua, Cynthia Antos and Tom Jourdan.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Newell.

### **Secretary's Report**

1. Correct the spelling from Lheroux to L'Heureux.

**Cynthia Antos moved and Bob Monahan seconded the motion to accept the September 27, 2017 regular meeting minutes as corrected. The motion carried.**

Kim Prescott—yes; Bob Monahan—yes; Rob L'Heureux—yes; Steve Bordua—abstain; Cynthia Antos—yes; Tom Jourdan—yes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
  - a. The town and state budgets still have not been passed.
  - b. There is a workshop on Thursday night, October 26.
  - c. The Halloween light show has temporarily been moved to the general fund for this year until the budget is passed
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.
  - a. Steve Bordua asked if Summer Camp was final. Angela Newell reported All expenses have been paid out. There are one or two families that have no paid yet. Their accounts have been flagged.
  - b. Tom Jourdan asked about the revenue from Community Day. Angela Newell reported all the expenses run through the Rec Department and Thompson Together, Inc. gives Rec a check afterwards.
  - c. The Quabbin Foliage Tour was cancelled due to low sign up numbers. The following week more asked to sign up but it had already been cancelled.
  - d. Kim Prescott asked if there was a profit from Turkey Trot sign ups. Angela Newell reported the expenses are covered by sponsors and the registration fees are split with TEEG, Trails Committee and the Rec Department.
  - e. There are numbers missing from the NYC trip. Finance made a mistake with inputting credit card statements.
  - f. The NYC trip has not sold out yet. Haunted Happenings has sold out.

### **Correspondence**

1. A Zumba instructor in the area would like to host a year round zumba class. Right now there is a class held a few times a year as the instructor is available.
2. Atlas Outdoors sent their catalog of outdoor concrete items such as concrete ping pong tables. Angela Newell contacted them about pricing.

### **Director's Report**

1. Angela Newell reviewed her report and answered questions.
  - a. Basketball registration is now open. There has not been a response from any sponsors yet. NOW will be providing about 7-10 scholarships. The t-shirt order deadline is mid November.
  - b. Purely Rec has partnered with the school for morning care. Seniors interested in early childhood education will be given the opportunity to work the morning care while earning credits.
  - c. A home school parent requested Itty Bitty Sports run again if she could find participants. The program has been filled.
  - d. The Insanity fitness instructor is paid per participant and has had 4-6 participants regularly.
  - e. The Self Defense class for women currently has 18 participants so far.
  - f. Volunteers are needed for the Halloween Laser Light Show and for the Turkey Trot.
  - g. The CRPA conference on inclusion spoke on how to include special needs children in programs. The Rec Department has been able to speak directly with special needs parents about inclusion.
  - h. Thompson Rec is one of the very few towns currently meeting the requirements for Care 4 Kids.
  - i. Angela Newell would like a more specific schedule with chosen months for the Senior Luncheon.
  - j. Angela Newell has not heard back from the Bradley Playhouse about discounted dress rehearsal tickets.
  - k. The locks on the booth at Riverside Park have been fixed.

### **Old Business**

1. Steve Bordua sent the Commission the powerpoint about park improvements from 11 years ago. Commission members will visit the parks again this November to assemble a new powerpoint for park improvements.

### **New Business**

1. Jonas Poirier a student who attended the Summer Camp recently passed away and the family had donations sent to the Thompson Rec Department in his memory. The Commission discussed ways to use the money towards Summer Camp and a Jonas Poirier Day at camp.
2. CT Visit, the Connecticut office of tourism, suggests towns offer events for outside guests every weekend. Right now, Thompson averages two events a month. The town would like to host a Christmas in July type shopping event in July. The Commission discussed possible locations for the event. The Commission also discussed other locations in town where events could utilize to incorporate more of the town.

### **Citizens' Comments**

### **Announcements**

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

### **Adjournment**

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

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