



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

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017**

Chairman Steve Bordua called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:02 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Rob L'Heureux, Bob Monahan, Steve Bordua, Cynthia Antos and Diane Keefe.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Newell.

Secretary's Report

1. **Bob Monahan moved and Rob L'Heureux seconded the motion to accept the October 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.**

Rob L'Heureux—yes; Bob Monahan—yes; Steve Bordua—yes; Cynthia Antos—yes; Diane Keefe—yes.

Treasurer's Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. The town budget passed in November. The budget has not been put into the system yet for the Recreation department.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.
 - a. The New York City Fall and New York City trips are labeled incorrectly in the budget. Angela Newell will request they be switched.
 - b. The profit from Turkey Trot will be moved to the general fund.

Correspondence

1. A notice from the Town Clerk regarding the 2018 meeting schedule.

Director's Report

1. Angela Newell reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. The Itty Bitty sports program ran in November with an average of 7-10 participants. It will not run in December due to the holidays. It will start again in January.
 - b. Saturday yoga ran a shorter 4 week class with a low number of participants.
 - c. The Women's Self Defense clinic was successful. Angela Newell would like to see this program run yearly. The commission discussed a registration fee to ensure registrants show up. The profit would then be donated to a women's shelter or a similar charity.
 - d. The senior luncheon had a large number of participants. The TMHS modern music ensemble paired well. The Commission discussed inviting the seniors to rehearsals at TMHS.
 - e. It was suggested that the Commission look into getting a sign to direct people where to go for the laser light show. This could also be used for other programs.
 - f. Angela Newell is still waiting for the final numbers for Turkey Trot.
 - g. The school superintendent suggested a name change for the Father Daughter dance to be more inclusive. The commission discussed possible names.
 - h. Angela Newell would like to set the schedule and open registrations for all the

programs at the beginning of the year instead of opening them throughout the year.

- i. The coordinator of the senior trips in town asked if the rec department would post the senior trips on the commission's website.

Old Business

1. Commission members visited some of the parks in town to make a list of repairs and improvements.
 - a. The pine trees lining the basketball court at Riverside Park are growing under the pavement and making the surface uneven. The trees need to be removed and the pavement resurfaced. There is also a small dirt parking lot next to the court which is not often used. The commission would like to turn this into two more basketball courts. The commission will write a proposal letter to the Board of Selectmen and put together a presentation.
 - b. Many of the swingsets need new pads underneath them.
 - c. Most of the parks do not have signage identifying them as a park.
 - d. Angela Newell was able to find the supplier for the playground equipment in Wilsonville Park. Some of the parts are broken on the playground. The company requested pictures of the broken parts and they will send a quote for replacement parts.
 - e. Many of the parks have empty flag poles or worn out flags. Angela Newell reached out to the Young Marines and asked if they would like to help with maintenance of the flags and they agreed. Angela Newell will also look into lighting for the poles.
 - f. Bob Monahan asked if the doggie bags could be installed in Riverside Park.
 - g. The Commission discussed moving the town bon fire to Riverside Park.
 - h. The Commission discussed a skating rink for Riverside Park. Steve Bordua suggested a few options for sizes and prices.
 - i. **Steve Bordua moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion to expense up to \$1000 for park improvements. All in favor; the motion carried.**

New Business

1. The 2018 meeting schedules were agreed upon.
2. A capitol budget needs to be planned for the basketball court and skating rink.

Citizens' Comments

Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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