

RECREATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

7:00 PM April 18, 2024

MINUTES

Present: Andrea Kaye, Gay Wagner, Bruce Spaman

Absent: Peter Witowski, Juan Arriola

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

Welcomed Rachel Lavoie and Marlies Thomen to the meeting.

Audience for Citizens: Rachel Lavoie attended the meeting and expressed interest in joining the commission. After introductions and questions to Rachel, members voted to go forward for her approval to the BOS May 6th meeting to get sworn in. Rachel will email Selectman Cahill to be put on the agenda.

Marlies Thomen introduced herself and presented a proposal to start and organize a running club for K-6 students on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am starting on May 4th to June 16th. Marlies has 40 years of running experience. Recreation members felt this was a great idea to get kids moving and something that anyone could participate in. Gay suggested article in the Gazette. Will work on a permission/waiver slip.

Minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Gay Wagner and seconded by Bruce Spaman. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Bruce shared he went before the BOF with the Rec budget. Waiting to hear about the next fiscal year. There was a line item in the Town Budget for Youth Sports. Kathy Donahue wants to roll this money into Rec. It is currently used for the Portable Potty in back of the Community Center. More clarification needed on who pays for the Portable Potty. Gay would like to see a different color, preferably green for the unit.

Communications: None

Additions to the Agenda:

- Gay has secured the *Flock Theater* for Wednesday, July 10th with a rain date of Sunday, July 14th--Shakespeare's play, *As you Like It*.
- A Movie Night under the stars, or in the Community Center was discussed. Will work on date and movie for this event, most likely August.

Old Business: *Family Movie Night* was successful with 40 in attendance.

New Business:

Painting With Pam on May 19th. Just starting to get sign ups. Can take 20.

Arbor Day at the library on April 26th at 9:30am. The "goodie bags: contain: juice box, a mini maple syrup, mandarin orange, pencil, sticker, and seed packet. Seedlings will be given out by Eversource.

Putting a hold on the *Puzzles and Pizza* program for a possible fall program

WooSox Game 1:05pm on Sunday, August 4th. Agreed to keep price at \$10.00 per ticket. 40 tickets have been purchased.

Little League Bruce has been in contact with the Brooklyn Little League. It was noted they reconditioned the ball field with volunteers several weeks ago. Bruce made a motion to buy clay to keep the field maintained. All agreed to buy clay for the use of the field with volunteer labor. Bruce researching the clay.

Hampton Harvest Festival: Saturday, Sept. 21st 9-3. Discussed the idea of an apple related dessert contest. What is not consumed would go to the bake sale. Will discuss further once Andrea checks with Harvest Fest Committee.

Adjournment: Gay Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 8:33pm. Seconded by Bruce Spaman.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Kaye, Chair