

Town of Stanford Rec Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2021
At Town Hall
Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Jess Odell, Teddy Secor, Richard Bell (called in at 6:23 pm), Mike Denatale, Antonio Igentio, Mary Weinberger

Meeting begins at 6:05 pm

Summer Updates:

Lauren notified the Commission that Stephen D'Alessandro, Assistant Recreation Director, has secured a new job and will be leaving his position on August 16. This situation puts Lauren in a difficult spot, as she will have to cover the Rec by herself until the last day on August 31.

Movie Night is scheduled for August 20 at 7:45 pm at the Rec and we will be showing Ice Age. The Grange will be providing the screen and projector, the Rec has the audio set up.

Food Trucks have been approved for August 16 and 19, Cider Bros Roadhouse and The Grille Wagon will be the vendors. They will be at the Rec from 12 pm – 4 pm on those days.

August 21 will be the summer concert hosted by the Stanford Business Association. The concert will be held at the Rec under the pavilion at 6 pm. Lauren will have the gate staff run check in.

Soccer Program:

Lauren said that she still has not had anyone come forward showing interest in running the soccer program or even being a coach. She may have one person that is interested in coaching, but that is it. Lauren would like a person that would be able to run the program over several years to give it stability. Lauren hopes that having a consistent director will help the volunteer coaches stay organized. Lauren has a source for developing a program guide/curriculum that she will put together and she will handle registration for the program. Right now there are 11 kids registered, typically they have about 100 players for the fall. The program is designed for Pre-K to 6 grade, John Blackburn ran a high school program himself too, but that does not seem feasible to launch at this time. Lauren has used MyRec to contact the community to find coaches and a director with no luck yet. Antonio suggested that Lauren contact Chelsea in Washington to see if they could potentially collaborate to create a single program until we can get our own footage again. He said we could share facilities and players, as they may have lower numbers and staff too. Lauren said her back up plan is to post pone the start of the program until September 11 if she is still short staffed.

Concession Stand Building:

Lauren asked Mary if the issue with the Concession Stand wall was discussed at the last Town Workshop, which Mary replied yes. Mary mentioned that the building has been looked at and the

wall can be mended with cinder block reinforcement. Mary said hopefully the wall can be repaired with the help of the Highway Department.

Richard calls in at 6:23 pm.

Capital Improvement Project Update:

Richard said the Design Committee within the Capital Improvement Committee has been formed. It has 5 members and 2 co-chairs. The Design Committee will have their own surveyor survey the Rec and begin the process of a Master Design plan along with a scope & scale plan of individual projects. Richard said the Major Gifts Committee is having success and the other committees are coming along too. The next area of focus for the Committee is to focus on the transition to Operational Costs for the Rec and how to support those needs.

Trunk or Treat:

The Recreation Commission decided that Trunk or Treat would be held on Friday, October 29, with the start time approximately at 6 pm at the Rec. Lauren plans on handing out prizes for vehicles and doing the pumpkin painting again. Last year she gave out 100 pumpkins to kids, so she is thinking she will need at least 100 or more for this year's event.

Haunted Fortress:

Antonio asked Mike if he had a list of specific items that need to be repaired for the Fortress to get the insurance coverage they need. Mike explained that he has not received a comprehensive list and he will reach out to Frank Pepe and Wendy Burton to get the specific items that the Building Inspector and insurance company have requested be repaired. Antonio had said that it seems like there is not sufficient electrical power at the Fortress at this time to get the Fortress to where it normally would be, and he needs to know what Phase I of the electrical had accomplished and what Phase II in completion would provide the Fortress. By this time, Antonio would already be in full swing of preparing the Fortress for October, they are behind because of the lack of electric and clearance from the insurance company. Mike mentioned when they did a walkthrough with the contractors that they identified junction boxes and places for new outlets, but it was unclear who would be responsible for installing the posts needed to place these electric items. Mike said he will contact Wendy and Frank to see if there are specific code requirements for installing the posts, and who needs to be responsible for getting those in. Antonio would like to be more informed about the processes for Phase I and II, and the insurance needs, as he feels he has been left in the dark during the early stages of this process.

2022 Budget:

Lauren had submitted the Rec Budget for 2022. She mentioned that she will have a better understanding of our final spending after the beach closes for the season on August 31. Lauren anticipates that the Rec used the full allotted budget for the year. Antonio requested a more detailed report of the Highway Department spending and what the Pond Contractual line items consisted of. Mike agreed that there used to be a more specific list of what went into those line items. Lauren said some of items under Pond Contractual include renting the pump for the

swimming hole, swimming lines, and Jim Myer's stipend. Antonio mentioned that the Town has a truck specifically for the Rec, but the Rec has not been able to use it in the past, but all the repairs and expenses that arise from the truck get taken out of the Rec budget. Perhaps, this should be a Highway Department expense, and not fall on the Rec.

Approval of July 22 Minutes:

Teddy motioned to approve the July 22 Minutes as written, Mike seconded. All in favor, Teddy, Mike, Richard, Jess, Antonio. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 8.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm