

Recreation Commission Meeting

October 13, 2021

At Town Hall

Present: Lauren Osterman, Michael Denatale, Richard Bell, Teddy Secor (via phone call), Jess Odell

Absent: Mary Weinberger, Antonio Igentio

Meeting begins at 6:06 pm

Trunk or Treat

This event will be held on Friday, October 29 at 5 pm. BigRock Farm Market will donate 100 pumpkins for pumpkin painting for kids and Lauren will purchase candy. A google form will be created to register vehicles that wish to hand out candy. No rain date will be scheduled. A prize for the best decorated car was discussed, either gift cards or a plaque/trophy.

Mike reported that there had been vandalism at the Fortress. He had heard that windows had been broken and that the damage is minor, but still concerning. The surveillance footage from the Highway Department could be reviewed to help see who is the culprit.

Mike mentioned that the shed and fence repairs at the baseball fields have yet to be done. Lauren will contact Highway to see if they can complete the repairs soon. There was discussion of possibly replacing the fencing all together. Mike said that Fall Ball ends November 6 and the netting can be removed after that date.

Capital Improvement Fundraising Committee

Julia Descoteaux presented. Julia said that they had surveyed approximately 95 people in regards to the public's needs for Recreation. She reported that the top three commented items were a toddler space, playground safety, and tennis courts. She also mentioned that there were comments regarding bathroom renovations and safety of the docks, playground, pathways. Julia had said the committee is exploring a way to access the creek and make the area more accessible and known to the public. She said there is also talk of exploring a dog park, ice rink, and walking path options. The negative input from the public dealt mostly with how the improvement would effect taxes, but the overall public view was positive. She has created an Instagram for the committee, @stanfordreccampaign. Steven Horowitz was also present at the meeting. He is a member of the Capital Improvement Committee as well and part of the Design Subcommittee. He said they have three landscape architects for proposals to increase access to the creek, create handicap accessibility, but may need more input on these items than other items. Steven asked the Commission about the possibility of a community garden at the Rec. Teddy explained that the Lions Club was exploring that idea either at the Town Hall or across from the Nature Preserve on Salt Point Turnpike. Lauren had mentioned that maybe a gardening/flower planting day at the Rec would be a nice community event and help spruce up the park. Lauren will provide Julia and Steven will a list of activities planned for the Rec and traffic patterns to help the Committee better understand the busier times of the year at the Rec.

Minutes

Richard motioned to approve the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes, Mike seconded. All in favor, Mike, Richard, Jess. Teddy abstained. Motion carried.