

Town of Stanford Recreation Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022

Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Jess Odell, Chris McNamara (by phone), Veronica Heady, Richard Bell (by phone), Nathan Lavertue (Town Liaison)

Absent: Charlotte Haims, Mike Denatale, Teddy Secor

Meeting begins at 6:05 PM

Tennis Court rebid

Lauren said that SportTech was awarded the bid for the tennis courts and the Town Board approved the bid at \$269,000. This will include the resurfacing of the tennis court, basketball court repairs, pickleball lines on the basketball court, new fencing surrounding both the tennis court and basketball court. The project is set to break ground on April 15 and completed by the end of June. Lauren said she has a call with USTA about programming later in the week as well. Jess asked if the bid included any add-ins like the benches or shade spots, they do not.

The next public meeting for the Recreation Capital Committee presentation is on April 26 at 6 pm in the Stanford Library. Lauren said the public portion of the fundraising process is slated for June 3 tentatively. The Committee will be hosting events at various local businesses too. Richard said the tennis court is being paid for with a combination of awarded grant money and private donations.

Lauren said that Wendy Burton proposed an idea to have the community participate in the painting of the Rec building as it needs a paint job and some new boards. Lauren is concerned about the timeline of completion before she is set to open the park for the summer. No commission members had comments about beginning the project and decided to table the discussion for the next meeting. Lauren cannot jumpstart the project, she will need a commission member to head the event.

Lauren asked Richard if he could clarify with the Capital Improvement Committee if they understand that the Town is not going to be covering the renovation of the Rec bathrooms. At the first public meeting it was in the slideshow that the Town is covering the cost, which it is not, and Lauren wanted to make sure that was clear. Richard explained that small mistakes were made in the moment and it should not be a concern, but he will double check.

Haunted Fortress

Lauren attended the first Haunted Fortress meeting, Mike was out of town, but he will be the liaison from now on. Teddy was also at the meeting. Lauren said the meeting had great energy and they are starting to organize themselves once they do a site visit. Greg Arent will be the chair of the committee. The Town Board passed a resolution granting the Fortress access to \$15,000 of their funds now so they are not held up when the time comes to start making purchases. Lauren said there is still one member opening left on the committee.

Soccer

Lauren said there are 50 registrants between Pine Plains and Stanford, 9 are Stanford residents. The program begins in Pine Plains on April 30. The fall program will take place at the Stanford Rec.

Summer Program

Lauren had a call with an applicant for the Recreation Leader position who has a background in art and education. Lauren asked if the Commission would like to interview her or if Lauren should conduct the interview on her own. Richard said it should be Lauren's decision and does not see it necessary for the Commission to be involved, Jess and Veronica agreed. The Town Board will hire/approve and Chris asked if the Town Board will do it at their meetings which Lauren responded that she hopes to have her list of hires ready to be approved for the May Town Board meeting. Lauren said the snack bar is under repair and is currently looking for quotes for the docks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes from March will be presented at May 11 meeting since there was not enough member physically present to approve them.