

Town of Stanford Recreation

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

Present: Lauren Osterman, Teddy Secor, Jess Odell, Veronica Heady, Charlotte Haims*, Chris McNamara+

Absent: Richard Bell, Mike Dentale

*arrived late

+on phone

Meeting begins at 6:12 PM

Tennis Courts

Lauren said that the tennis courts are scheduled to have work begin on May 12. She also said she is scheduled to have an on-site meeting with SportTech on Monday, May 15. She said based on the weather, the tennis courts could be completed as early as the middle or end of July.

Capital Campaign Committee

Lauren said that she had attended a meeting with the Committee and they have begun preparations for a public phase of fundraising. The committee will be putting on many events in conjunction with local businesses. The first event is set for June 3 at the Rec. The event is supposed to have music, light food, and be a launch for the fundraising efforts. Lauren listed several other fundraising events that will be happening throughout the summer including collaborations with Roosters 82, BigRock Farm Market and La Caviste. Lauren suggested running a fundraising effort perhaps with a weekend of Haunted Fortress or Trunk or Trick. May 19 will be the final public presentation of the Rec master plan and it will be held at the Rec at 6 PM. The previous public comment meeting was more active and leaned towards people wanting to improve what we already have and expand the railroad spur.

Tennis Programming

Lauren mentioned that she is looking for a teacher or pro to run programming for tennis. She said that USTA may offer classes for training coaches and could potentially get someone to do that, and that would help us get USTA grants for equipment. Charlotte suggested reaching out to local colleges to see if students would be willing to coach. Charlotte mentioned that she could reach out to a representative with USTA to see what she can find for staffing a program for kids or adult leagues. Teddy said a college connection would be beneficial for other programming as well.

Recreation Leader position

Lauren still does not have a qualified person to fill the position of Recreation Leader. She mentioned that she has another candidate in the works, but the position is necessary to run the Rec. Another option Lauren suggested is creating a 3rd in command to handle cashing out the end of the day.

Rec Opening Day

Lauren said she will open the Rec either on June 23 or 24. All of her staff is lined up with the exception

of the Rec Leader. Last year the Rec operated Monday – Thursday 11-6 PM, Friday – Sunday 11-7 PM. This year the Rec will run Sunday – Thursday 11-6 PM and Friday-Saturday 11-7 PM. The fee for the Rec will be \$50 per family. Lauren mentioned that the seniors will be free this season, the age cutoff is yet to be determined.

Lauren said she would like to create a policy for closing the Rec for inclement weather. The issue to address is whether or not to pay the staff a full day if the Rec has to close for bad weather and if they stay or go home. Veronica suggested a prorated rate for working in the rain. Jess asked if there was busy work that could be done in the downtime, Lauren said that there wasn't enough. Lauren asked if it rains all day, do they keep the guards there and how do they decide who would go home if only a portion of them are sent home. Chris mentioned if the staff have other jobs and had set time aside for this job, it would be only fair to pay them for the time that were supposed to be working, since they could have worked a different job. Lauren suggested paying the staff half the expected work hours and would like to keep the retention rate and moral high. Lauren said she will talk to other Recs to see what they do as well. Teddy motioned to pay staff half of the scheduled hours in the event of a closure. Jess seconded. All in favor, Teddy, Veronica, Jess, Chris, Charlotte. Absent, Richard and Mike. Motion carried.

Haunted Fortress

The Haunted Fortress Committee has been meeting and doing walkthroughs of the attraction. Teddy is on the committee and said the committee is focused on the technical components and ironing out safety, emergency protocols, and making sure structures are up to code. He mentioned that they are still looking for volunteers for production. Teddy and Lauren had mentioned that Wendy sent an email regarding the barn and said the gravel had been replaced and it is open to allow for air flow. It was also said that a resolution had been passed by the Town Board to close the Fortress back account and the funds had been added to the general fund, there is approximately \$35,000 remaining for the Fortress. Teddy said that they are adding waivers for all volunteer participants and any child under 13 will need a parent present. Teddy said they are also considering safety, and potentially reaching out to have a police officer stationed at the Fortress. Lauren said it is best to have the police notified and cycle around versus a stationed officer, because the Fortress probably could not afford the cost of a stationed police officer for the weekends. Teddy said overall, Greg, has been very thorough and the committee will act as one "director" so the functioning of the Fortress does not fall on one person. The committee meets on the first Monday of every month.

Minutes

Veronica motioned to approve the April 13 meeting minutes as written. Teddy seconded. All in favor, Teddy, Veronica, Charlotte, Jess. Abstain, Chris. Absent, Richard, Mike. Motion carried.

March and May meeting minutes will be voted on at next meeting.

June 8 will be the next meeting.