

Town of Stanford Recreation Meeting

October 12, 2022

Minutes recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Meeting starts at 6:38 pm

Present: Charlotte Haims, Nathan, Lavertue, Jess Odell, Mike Denatale, Teddy Secor, Lauren Osterman

Absent: Richard Bell, Chris McNamara, Veronica Heady

CAC - Spongy Moth

Greg Williams presented, he is part of Stanfordville CAC. He explained that the spongy moth is a problem in the area. The moth has been attacking North and South Anson and has been infesting large oaks at the Rec by the water. These trees are approximately 38-44 inches in diameter and can take on the pest for one year and recover, but second year of leaf loss will kill the tree. Lauren questioned the overall health of the larger tree in general as well. Mr. Williams said his company would be willing to donate the treatment application if it becomes necessary. The treatment would shut down the area for 24 hours, but there is a reduced risk and organic motives. Mr. Williams explained that he would monitor the trees around May 15 to look for egg sacks. He further explained that there is a fungus that can attack this moth and can take the moth out for a decade, so if that is present, that could help naturally. Lauren asked about the timing for application of treatment. Mr. Williams said it would be either the first or second week of June. Mr. Williams mentioned that pesticide law for the Town law would need to be researched and make sure it goes through the proper channels. Lauren asked if the treatment would target saving the tree or destroying the moth. Mr. Williams mentioned that he would scout first and decide if product would be needed. Jess asked if it would effect the water, Greg said no, and Lauren said the water would most likely be drained at that time anyway.

Haunted Fortress -

Lauren said there were 359 visitors for opening weekend and they had a great turnout. Teddy said they are looking for more volunteers and food donations at any time. Jess asked about Venmo because people had asked at the ticket booth. Lauren said wifi would help to use MyRec to use credit cards and perhaps digital transactions could be a focus for next year. Teddy said Woodstock radio will do a ticket giveaway. Intoxicated guests have come through and presented a problem, but the issue is difficult to police. It was suggested that signage below ticket prices saying "no smoking, no food or drink" might help - but it is listed in the rules posted on the ticket booth.

Trunk or Treat -

Trunk or Treat will be held October 28, Friday, 5-7 pm. Lauren is looking for high school volunteers to help with pumpkin painting or others. BigRock is going to donate all the pumpkins.

Budget Update -

The budget was submitted. Lauren is writing the bid for the docks.

Pavilion Rentals -

It has been decided that “small personal events” do not need insurance to rent the pavilion. The question that arises is, what is considered small and personal events? Insurance will still be required for non-personal and organizations renting the pavilion. Nathan suggested using terms of agreement in MyRec to avoid individuals taking advantage of an organization renting the pavilion. Mike proposed that insurance would not be required for a personal use with 50 or less people, and insurance required organizations or 51 or more people for personal use.

Teddy seconded. All in favor, Mike, Jess, Charlotte, Teddy. Motion carried.

Winter Programming at Cold Spring -

Lauren is working on bringing programming to Cold Spring in the winter. Cold Spring will allow us to use the gym. She is aiming for around January to begin programming. Suggested ideas included floor hockey, basketball, in an intramural fashion, and pick up games. The Pickleball league has expressed interest in indoor space, and Lauren is working out how to get in and out of the building. Sara suggested running an introduction to field hockey before January if access is worked out before then.

Potential Holiday Events for Winter -

The Recreation Commission was looking for holiday ideas. Nathan suggested a tree lighting. Teddy suggested a sleigh ride/Dodo Derby. This item will be on the agenda next month.

Minutes

Teddy motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 10, August 31, and September 15. Mike seconded. All in favor, Mike, Teddy, Jess, Charlotte. Motion carried.

Teddy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded. All in favor, Mike, Teddy, Jess, Charlotte. Motion carried.

Meeting ends 7:41 pm