

## **Town of Stanford Recreation Meeting**

January 11, 2023

Minutes recorded by Sara Knickerbocker, Secretary

Meeting starts at 6:03 pm

Present: Lauren Osterman (Recreation Director), Teddy Secor, Veronica Heady, Jess Odell, Nathan Lavertue (Town Board liaison)

Absent: Richard Bell, Chris McNamara, Charlotte Haims

### **New Recreation Commission Member search**

Chris McNamara will be resigning from the Commission once a replacement has been found. He has too many work commitments and will be stepping down from the Commission.

### **Tree Spraying**

Lauren reminded the Commission that Gregg Williams from the CAC had come to present on the Spongy Moth issues on the trees in the Rec park. His company would treat the two trees free of cost. The company can evaluate the trees in May to decide if there is an infestation and if treatment would be necessary. Lauren had asked Nathan to relay the information to the Town Board to approve the process.

### **Free Play Friday and Pickleball update**

Indoor winter programming has been taking place at Cold Spring elementary school. The adult pickleball league has been having games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and getting around 7 or 8 people each night. The Rec hosted its first Free Play Friday on January 6 and had 18 kids in attendance in grades K-5. Sara ran the program because Lauren had a family commitment arise and she had 4 high school students there to assist. The program runs every other Friday and pre-registration is required by the Wednesday before each session. Lauren asked if any members had suggestion for theme nights. Teddy suggested net sports, Nathan suggested dance and maybe bring a DJ in, Jess suggested an obstacle course. The program will run until March 31, but it is a half day for school so they might not have it that day.

### **Special Events Committee**

Lauren explained that she attended a meeting of theirs and the group is trying to decide their position in the Town. The question is if they should be their own entity or be more of helpers to other formed groups like the Rec, library, Grange, etc. to help with advertising or whatever may be.

### **Repairs at the Rec**

Lauren had asked Wendy if there is money in the budget to paint the Rec building and reconstruct the gatehouse. Lauren said that Wendy told her that the American Rescue Funds could be used for those projects. Lauren will meet with Jim Myers to discuss what needs to be done for sure. It would be volunteer effort to rebuild the gatehouse and paint/repair the Rec

building. Lauren is trying to find out when would be a good month to start the search for volunteers. The number of dates needed would be based on the number of repairs. Mike suggested the end of April. This item will be on the agenda for next month. Lauren will meet with the Special Events Committee again to put it on their radar.

Mike mentioned that the baseball fences need repairs on the senior field and the shed really needs to be updated or replaced. Lauren said it might be better to replace it than repair it at this point and they could use the extra space for more Rec equipment. Teddy said the pavilion floor and seating could be retouched. Jess said the parking lot fencing needs repairs. Nathan questioned if the parking lot and fencing would fall in the scope of the Recreation Campaign and if it goes with the playground that may be going in. Lauren would like to see the picnic tables be kept up, but the focus should be on the paint of the Rec building and cosmetic updates to the Rec building bathrooms first.

Lauren had said that the playground grant the Capital Campaign Committee applied for was not granted to them, but they would like to move forward with updates to the playground anyway. Jess asked if they do it little by little, or if they wait until they get the lump sum. Lauren explained that the Campaign will work with Play by Design to come up with plans first, they work with kids in the community, set up work schedules and help fundraise the money.

### **Dock Bid update**

Lauren had to pull the bid for the docks because Dutchess County notified her that they need to approve specifications and use the Empire State purchasing group before she was allowed to put the bids out. The County and purchasing group has just approved her original specs and has 2 vendors that are interested and want to bid. Lauren would like to see the bid approved soon so they will be ready for the summer season.

### **Upcoming Items**

Lauren will start sending out applications out for the summer. Lauren would like to see the Rec leader position split into 2 positions and split the hours so more of the schedule can be covered when people take vacations. Ideally it would be 30/70 split.

Valentine's Day crafts may be incorporated into Free Play Friday on February 3.

Teddy brought up having more adult directed programming, Lauren is going to see if the Events Committee would be interested in be more involved with those endeavors to get local businesses involved. Lauren suggested a fire pit smore's night.

### **Minutes**

Mike motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 12, 2022. Teddy seconded. All in favor, Mike, Teddy, Jess, Veronica. Motion carried.

Mike motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 9, 2022. Jess seconded. All in favor, Mike, Teddy, Jess, Veronica. Motion carried.

Meeting ends 6:49 PM

Next meeting will be on February 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM