

## Town of Stanford Recreation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

Present: Lauren Osterman, Teddy Secor, Nicole Clanahan, Jess Odell, Charlotte Haims (phone)

Absent: Mike Denatale, Richard Bell, Veronica Heady, Nathan Lavertue (Town Liaison)

Meeting begins at 6:33 PM

#### Easter Egg Hunt / Family Photos

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held April 1 at 10 am, no rain date scheduled. Angela Christensen of Carried Away Photography will be doing mini portrait sessions and donating \$5 of each purchased photo afterwards to the Recreation Commission. The session is free and then \$25 per digital download if you want to purchase the photo.

Charlotte had volunteered to help set out eggs for the hunt.

#### Dock Bids

The bids for the new docks have been opened. There are 3 bids, one is too high and the other two are from the same company. The same company bids are for different builds, one is for the current layout we have and one is modular. The modular one is cheaper, but we have the money to spend so we would like to keep the same layout we already have. The delivery date should be around the end of May. The docks will be made out of aluminum and the top decking is heat resistant and slip resistant. The awarded grant money will also cover swim lanes and benches.

\*Rates for 2023 season will be tabled to April meeting\*

#### Maintenance at the Rec

In order to have American Rescue Funds cover expenses, the funds can only be used for existing programs, facilities, or structures. The Commission would like to use this money along with volunteer effort to address issues that are outside the Capital Campaign Committee's scope. Lauren highlighted the Rec building, the bathrooms within the building, gatehouse, sheds, and picnic tables as projects that need attention. Lauren had met with Jim Myers and Wendy Burton about the projects. It has been decided that the Rec building is too big of a project for volunteers and it needs serious help. The building would need to be scraped, painted, new cement blocks, and replace wood, and would probably need professionals to tackle it. Wendy suggested to Lauren that the Commission reach out to the Capital Campaign Committee, but they will most likely be tied up with the playground renovation. Lauren said the gatehouse will be replaced with a pre-fab building and will need bids for it, the current building was taking on water and was rotting, the same goes for the baseball storage shed. The picnic tables will also be replaced, Lauren said that Jim Myers suggested going with a material other than wood because they are harder to maintain and heavier to move around. Lauren also mentioned that the fencing at the baseball field is curling over at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base lines and seems like just the chainlink needs to be replaced, but would need proposals for that as well. Nicole asked if there are opportunities for volunteer activities in the spring, Lauren suggested the bathrooms and Charlotte asked if there is a clean

up day. Lauren said the CAC does a clean up day, but not at the Rec. Nicole suggested getting one going and have the Rural Center Refillery get involved. Lauren mentioned that the Events Committee would be good to get involved as well.

### Playground

Lauren provided an update from the latest Capital Campaign Committee playground meeting. She said the timeline has been pushed back to spring 2024 so they can reapply for the grant that is awarded in November. They have scheduled a design day on May 5 in the evening at Cold Spring as a public event and also the elementary art classes will be involved. Lauren said she also secured \$50,000 for a playground grant from Senator Hinley's office. The CCC received 250 surveys back and are working on the public's perception of what is going to be happening to the playground because some people think the playground is going to be saved and renovated, but the plan is to rebuild with the same company that designed the original playground and keep a lot of the same style and feel.

### Summer Updates

All the lifeguard position needs are met at this time, but there is a need for more gate and land staff, as well as an Assistant Recreation Director and Swim Coach.

### Art Show

Teddy mentioned that he is going to push ahead with the art show and would like to get it up and running for the fall. The Art Show will be added to each month's agenda.

February meeting minutes to be approved in April

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM