

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Nathan Lavertue (Town Board Liaison), Jess Odell, Veronica Heady, Charlotte Haims, Richard Bell, Nicole Clanahan

Absent: Mike Denatale

New Commission Member Interview

Ginny Gertling spoke. She said she is from Stanfordville and has benefitted from the Rec over the years and that her kids have enjoyed the Rec programs. She is a teacher in the Mahopac school district for Consumer Sciences. She would like give back to the community.

The vacant spot would fill Teddy Secor's appointment.

Playground Update

The demolition has been moved to March 25. The Art Committee of the playground build is working on salvaging pieces and incorporating them back into the park. Lauren said that the volunteers are starting to fill in now and that we are in good shape already.

Programming Updates

Lauren said the 3 Recipe for Kids sessions that we ran at Town Hall were a success and each one was registered to full capacity. The next set of 3 Recipe for Kids sessions will start up again in May, and will likely continue again in the fall.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 am at Cold Spring School.

The Spring soccer program will not be happening, James Wiley will not be moving forward with the program and Lauren does not have enough time to get it organized for this spring. Lauren will need someone to take over the program to run both fall and spring sessions and said she would be willing to give the person a stipend, but would prefer a volunteer.

Lauren would like to do a trivia night for adults once the playground build is completed. Discussion took place on a location because Hudson Valley Trivia Company charges \$300 if they need to provide a TV. Nathan suggested BangallWorks and Nicole offered the Refillery if needed.

Grant Update

Lauren attended a workshop for youth programming funding that is a reimbursement grant from New York State. She would use the grant money to start a Town Day Camp for the summer, but the Town would need to front the money and include it in the Rec budget. Lauren also mentioned that there is money available for swim programs that she is looking into as well.

Summer Fees

1. Ms. Haims motioned to move daily admission to per person, \$2 per resident, \$3 for a PPCSD resident, \$4 for non-resident. Mr. Bell seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.
2. Ms. Haims motioned to require a season pass in order to register for swim lessons or swim team. Ms. Clanahan seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.
3. Ms. Heady motioned to have a 10% discount on a season pass for active and retired military. Ms. Haims seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.
4. Mr. Bell motioned to define the Guest Policy with a season family pass including immediate members of the household and any additional guests would pay the daily admission fee based on the season pass holders' residency. Ms. Haims seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.
5. Ms. Odell motioned that kids under age 1 are free for daily admission. Ms. Haims seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.

Summer Updates

Lauren said that all the security cameras need to be replaced and she is getting quotes from A&R Security and Superior. Lauren explained that the system is currently a hardwired DVR system, but they may be switching to NVR.

Lauren said the staffing is almost set for the summer and that Sarah Beam, the assistant Rec Director, is coming back this summer.

Lauren is hoping to open the water on June 21 since school ends so late this year.

Nicole said she would run a couple of pavilion crafts for the summer programming.

Other

Pine Plains has a new Recreation Director, Brian Coons. Lauren has reached out but has not heard back yet. She would like to see where they could potentially collaborate since the youth population is shared.

Mr. Bell motioned to approve the November, January, and February meeting minutes. Ms. Clanahan seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.

Ms. Heady motioned to add Ginny Gertling as the 7th Recreation Commission member to fill Teddy Secor's appointment. Ms. Clanahan seconded. All in favor, Ms. Haims, Mr. Bell, Ms. Odell, Ms. Clanahan, Ms. Heady. Motion carried.

Meeting ends at 7:46 PM