

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

Present: Mike Denatale, Veronica Heady, Ginny Gertling, Jess Odell, Nicole Clanahan, Nathan Lavertue (Town Liaison)

Absent: Richard Bell, Charlotte Haims

Meeting starts at 6:32 PM

New Sparc Park is complete! Lauren said there are some minor touch up details that need to be completed, but it is up and running and very popular. The Grand Opening is slated for June 26 in the afternoon. The columns and plaque should be ready by then. The next item on the Master Plan may be the skate park or landscaping, but is unlikely projected for this year. The Capital Campaign may need time for money to come back in from the grant. There is still not a contract from the state, so the reimbursement may take longer to come back.

Recipes 4 Kids series is starting up again. Once a month in June, July, and August. It was booked fully within an hour of the email blast.

The chlorine and electric line is just about done and Lauren was able to use the \$10,000 leftover from the dock/swimming grant to go towards the new pump lines.

Lauren said that they are fully staffed for the summer except there is still no swim coach. Lauren is willing to stipend the position if she cannot find a volunteer.

Soccer program will need a director to get off the ground in the fall.

Veronica had spoke to someone that has suggested a lending shed for sports equipment. Nathan said the transfer station is supposed to get a shed for the same purpose. The Rec could potentially loan better equipment out at operating hours and then have other equipment that could be used at anytime.

Mike provided an update for Taconic Little League. He said that they are about a month into the season and are semi-combined with Pine Plains, not tee-ball or coach-pitch. They had 175 players registered this year which the highest number they have had in the last 10 years, usually around 130 players. The only conflict they have had with the men's softball league is that Erin's field had clay dragged into the outfield. Mike would also like signs for the new fence to deter people from taking batting practice on the fence because it will be damaging.

Lauren said the security cameras are up and running at the Rec.

Mike Denatale motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Jess Odell seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting is June 12.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM