

Town of Stanford  
Recreation Commission

February 12, 2025

Present: Lauren Osterman, Jess Odell, Ginny Gertling, Charlotte Haims, Veronica Bisson, Lorelei Christensen, Nathan LaVertue (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Mike Denatale, Nicole Clanahan

Meeting begins 6:31 PM

#### Jack Chapin Eagle Scout Presentation

Sophomore at Spackenkill, starting in Kindergarten with Cub Scouts, and is aiming for Eagle Scout designation. Jack has worked at the Rec and wants to make a lasting impact on the community. His proposal is to build a bench and plant some trees. He did research on trees and found that Red Maple and Tulip trees would be a good fit. Concrete slab or footings for a set 6' foot bench. Each tree would be \$200, he will look into donors and discounts. Bench proposal spots near the water and maybe by the creek near the big rock, and in memory of his grandfather that helped build the park. Lauren said the Master Plan has a landscaping plan that he can work with. Jack said they would have to plan around the weather, but possible in June, should take 2-3 days. The total cost is estimated \$1,600 for the bench and trees. Jack explained that the Scouts will be handling the safety component because they have to follow strict rules. Jack asked if he needs a permit. Lauren said no, but may need volunteers to sign off on an exemption form. Lauren said the utility lines should not be in the way. Lauren said if he could use the Master Plan committee for guidance for placement of the trees. All the funding and donations will be facilitated by Jack. Mr. Rose explained that the BSA has insurance. The Recreation Commission preferred the footings for the bench. Lorelei suggested more established trees instead of 3 smaller trees. Veronica motioned to approve the Eagle Scout project. Ginny seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Pavilion Rental Agreement revamp

Charlotte and Ginny presented their work on revamping the Pavilion Rental agreement. Lauren explained there are no other facility forms for the Town. The pavilion is the only facility rental form. The forms, requirements, rules, were all condensed and combined into one document.

- Insurance requirements will remain the same, cooperations, businesses, will need insurance, individuals with less than 50 guests do not need insurance.
- Security deposit increased to \$125.00
- Cancellations within 2 weeks of the event the security deposit will not be returned.

- One pavilion rental per day
- Start date to renting, January 1 residents, Mar 1 non-residents
- Price change for in-season vs. In-season. \$200 for residents, \$300 for non-residents. Out of season \$150 for residents, \$250 for non-residents (in-season waterfront open, out-of-season waterfront closed)
- Next year we may look into opening the water for Memorial Day
- Rental time frame 9 am – 7 pm

Jess motioned to approve the amendments to the Recreation Facility Use Rules and Requirements and Fees. Veronica seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Taconic Little League Discussion

Lauren will have a conversation with the Men's league about using metal cleats, alcohol, cigarettes, and the schedule as it conflicts with a youth softball league. Mike emailed the Commission that Erin's field should be made into a true softball field with a clay infield and upgrade the surface. The Taconic Little would handle the maintenance of the new surface. The Town would pay for the materials for the clay and the money is in the budget already.

#### Community Garden

The Recreation Commission expressed concern over the placement of a pollinator garden suggested by Stanford Community Garden on the backside of the existing garden, but it is close to the bathrooms and bees near the bathrooms. The Commission suggested placing the pollinator garden on the side hill between the lower basketball courts and fences of baseball fields.

#### Summer Camp Updates

Registration for summer camp will open on Friday, February 14 to residents. Non-resident registration will open 10 days later if there is room. Resident rate will be higher as well. Proof of residency is required. 9 am – 3 pm with later pick up option. Lauren will like to incorporate swim lessons. 4 weeks, July 7 – August 1.

Ginny motioned to approve the November 2024 and January 2025. Veronica seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Meeting recorded by Sara Knickerbocker