

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
December 18, 2023

Recreation Members: Sheila Moylan, Theresa Ann Latham, Kyle Piche, Paul Tucceri, Fouad Matar

Invited Attendee:

Recreation Staff members present: Rich Adams, Sue Perry

Call to order: 7:09pm, December 18, 2023

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda:

- a) Motion to approve the consent agenda: Theresa Ann Laham moved to approve the consent agenda, Fouad Matar seconded. Unanimously passed, no nays
- b) Motion to approve the minutes: Paul Tucceri moved to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes, Theresa Ann Laham seconded. Minutes approved. Passed unanimously

Monthly Report:

- a) Registration success with new resident and non-resident portals
 - a. New functionality to allow residents a one business day head start worked flawlessly. It took less than 30 seconds to turn on non-resident registrations for over 200 programs/classes
 - b. Numbers continue to increase. First day registrations increase by 25% year over year. At the end of registration, Rich can assess overall numbers based on resident vs. non-resident to determine if new policy affected registration numbers
- b) Summer Camp Director position will be open this coming year
 - a. Term is from late June – mid August
 - b. Hourly position \$25+/hr

Commission Member Report:

- a) “Shush Dance Party Program Idea
 - a. Silent Disco Party idea recommended as a program for the middle school
 - i. Fouad Matar recently had a very positive experience as he watched his children enjoy this activity on a recent cruise
 - ii. Silent disco promotes a positive atmosphere and safe environment to be yourself
 - iii. Fouad Matar will do some more research into costs and organizers who provide equipment and DJ services in MA
- b) Bylaw change recommendation
 - a. Paul Tucceri recommend that we look into the commission by-laws and make sure we are up to date and make sure it’s accessible on-line
 - b. Paul Tucceri motions to amend the bylaws to state the term begin on July 1st, Fouad Matar seconds. Motion passed unanimously, no nays

- c) Paul Tucceri commented on how wonderful it was to see the field hockey program take off. This creates a new feeder system into the high school program

Director/Staff report:

- a) Budget – Looked at fiscal year general fund budget for fiscal year 2025 for the department. Same as last year.
- b) Rich also reviewed the capital outlay schedule
 - a. Pickleball Courts
 - i. Decision still needs approval on the recommended location next to the high school
 - b. Pavilion and Ropes Course
 - i. Great benefit for the community if approved
 - ii. Pavilion will provide campers shade during the summer months and place to assemble
 - c. WHS Tennis Court replacement
 - i. Will be necessary in a few years as costs to patch and repair have gone up over the years
 - d. Community Rec Center
 - i. Feasibility study to be conducted
- c) Events
 - a. NYE Fireworks – Start at 7:00pm behind the Middle School
- d) Winter Registration
 - a. Positive outlook in registrations
 - i. Theresa Ann Laham discussed the positive feedback amongst peers and other families on how the registration site had no glitches and ran smoothly during the registration rush

Other Items no reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hrs. in advance of the meeting:

- None

Next Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024

Motion to adjourn by Theresa Ann Laham, second by Paul Tucceri passed unanimously. Recreation Commission December 18, 2023 meeting adjourned at 8:07pm