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## **RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

**Rye Town Hall**

**10 Central Road, Rye, NH**

**6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman, Todd Cronin, Stephen King arrived at 6:10 p.m., Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

**A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

- **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018.**

The meeting minutes of June 4, 2018 were reviewed.

*Motion was made by Todd Cronin to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018. Seconded by Stephen King. Joe Persechino abstained. Motion carried.*

**D. Correspondence**

- **Financial Reports**

The financial reports for June 2018 were reviewed. At the end of June the Recreation General Fund Budget had 59.51%, Recreation Revolving Fund Budget 65.10%, Patriotic Purposes Budget 33.78%. Lee Arthur indicated the vehicle fuel line was slightly over because the Animal Control Officer was using the vehicle.

**E. Old Business**

- **Space Use Agreement 2018-2019**

The Rye School Board has not responded to the request for space made at the School Board Meeting in May and correspondence sent by Gregg Mikolaities in April. The streaming of the School Board Meeting in June was reviewed and it was interrupted that no additional space would be granted and that the same space as 2017-2018 would be allotted. Therefore, the checks and registrations received from all individuals on the waiting list were returned and accompanied by a letter indicating that registrations for the 2018-2019 Rye After School Program are based on the space that was available the past

school year and because of the demand and absence of additional space, a waiting list has been created. The current number of students on the waiting list is: Monday eight, Tuesday ten, Wednesday thirteen, Thursday nine, and Friday six.

Brett Mulvey asked if individuals turn in days. Lee Arthur noted that when space is limited participants are less likely to change their schedule. Program numbers remain consistent throughout the year, although there is a drop in participation starting in May because of spring sports. Another reason for schedule changes includes employment changes. Program participants can change their schedule up to five times in one year based on availability.

It was anticipated that sixty spaces may be needed for the upcoming year and currently the demand is at fifty three. At this point in time the word is out that the program is full. It was discussed that without a formal response from the School Board it is difficult to say if more or less space will be provided as currently there is no agreement.

Gregg Mikolaities indicated that he would attend the next School Board Meeting and request a response. The position of the School Board and the parents of participants on the waiting list were discussed as well as after and before school programs in other communities. There was a further discussion regarding the ability of Rye Elementary School to operate the program. It was suggested that where they are in control of the whole facility they may be in a better position to meet the program needs. It was decided to ask the School Board if they are interested in operating the program.

- **Multi-Purpose Recreation Storage Facility & Recreation Area New Public Restrooms**

Gregg Mikolaities, Cory Belden and Lee Arthur met with James Vera and Associates, Inc. to discuss the field topographic survey of the Recreation Area, which is scheduled to start this week. Gregg Mikolaities mentioned that once the survey is complete he plans on meeting with Joe Tucker, a local builder, to get his input. Stephen King and Joe Persechino indicated an interest in attending the meeting.

- **Message Board**

The Recreation Commissioners reviewed a quote for a message board at the Recreation Area. Lee Arthur wanted to hold off moving forward at this time because she indicated that the funds may be needed elsewhere. There was a discussion about the message board in the Town Forest and that it was the result of an Eagle Scout Project. Gregg Mikolaities suggested getting an Eagle Scout to build one. Stephen King mentioned the book exchange at the beach and was questioning who built it. Brett Mulvey brought up the bike station and rack at the library and suggested it would be a nice addition to the Recreation Area. Lee Arthur indicated that she would find out more information from Andy Richmond in regards to the book exchange and bike station. Gregg Mikolaities asked her to see if there is a scout interested in building a message board as part of their Eagle Scout Project. Stephen King noted that the brick stairs to the lower field was an Eagle Scout Project.

- **CIP**

Lee Arthur reported that the CIP Committee is requesting submissions and updates. Gregg Mikolaities indicated that he does not think an update is necessary because his understanding of the CIP is that it is to identify how the tax rate is affected. Rye Recreation already has the project funds; therefore the tax rate is not affected. Lee Arthur was directed to have Ned Paul of the CIP Committee contact Gregg Mikolaities. It was noted that there would be no CIP submission for the 2019-2024 CIP.

**F. New Business**

- **Program Updates**

Lee Arthur reported that she has finished the Active Alive and Over 55 Programing for 2018-2019 and included in the meeting packet the brochure and advertisement. She noted that the priority is to move to online registering as early as September and as a result needs to get all of the programing completed for the whole year. She also discussed the process of getting online and being able to accept credit cards. The owner of VSI is assisting with the implementation and training. The cost for training and software maintenance is \$6,457.00. It was noted that funds were encumbered and allocated in the budget.

The Summertime Horyezons attendance and PTA Summer Program was discussed. Gregg Mikolaities asked if there was any feedback or trends. Lee Arthur noted that the feedback has been positive; however, has noticed a decline in participation. She noted that the seacoast has many choices for summer. Gregg Mikolaities expressed the need to evaluate programing and prioritize efforts to see where time is best spent. In the absence of space Lee Arthur suggested the option of acquiring a 12-15 passenger bus like North Hampton and Hampton has to assist with programming. It was noted that the Summertime Horyezons Day Camp is less expensive than other camps.

Lee Arthur reported that a facility use application for use of the third floor at Rye Congregational Church for a Middle School Program was submitted and she is awaiting a response.

- **Other**

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is set for August 6, 2018 at Town Hall. Gregg Mikolaities asked if Chief Walsh was requested to provide input on the issue of guns at the recreation area. Lee Arthur indicated that she did mention it to him in passing after the last meeting, but should have contacted him prior to this meeting. She will contact Chief Walsh for input prior to the August meeting. She mentioned that dogs have been on the Flash Jenness Memorial Little League Field and had a dog owner ask today if they could use it today because she was not confident her dog would follow her commands.

**G. Adjournment**

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.  
Seconded by Joe Persechino. Motion carried.*