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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 5 2019

Rye Town Hall

10 Central Road, Rye, NH

6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman; Cory Belden, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

Guests: Paula Tsetsilas and Deb Crapo, Rye School Board Members.

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call

C. School Board Report

Deb Crapo explained the school board believes it is great that there is no longer a waitlist to register for the Rye Recreation After School Program. She asked about the progress with the church lease. Lee Arthur explained progress had been made with the church and the lease was close to being signed, and once the lease was signed the space could be prepared for programming. Discussion ensued about the church project and everyone expressed excitement about the possibilities the church lease will provide the community.

Gregg Mikolaities asked whether there were any updates regarding the afterschool or basketball program that needed to be discussed with the school board members. Lee Arthur explained that she would still like to pursue attaining a quote to install a bathroom by the after school program rooms on the lower level. But would need Jim Gordon's direction and that he had mentioned previously that he needed permission to assist. Paula Tesla explained that she will make sure he receives permission to help. It was noted that the after school program was going well. Brett Mulvey told the school board members that generally they would like more gym time for basketball. It was also discussed that the gym was available to Rye Recreation from 6:15 p.m. on during the week and for grades 1-2 that limits the availability.

Deb Crapo discussed briefly Brian Murphy's efforts to build a new baseball diamond at Lang's Corner Field. Paula Tssetsilas indicated that it is supported by the school board. She then asked how the Rye Recreation registration system works and whether people can register online. Lee Arthur explained residents can register online or on paper, whichever they prefer and explained the process.

D. Approval of Minutes

There was a discussion regarding the first motion on page two under New Business and its wording. It was agreed to remove the wording "to take a vote of the Recreation Commission". The corrected motion would read:

Motion was made by Stephen King on whether to allow a 100 foot cell phone tower to be installed in the Recreation Area gravel parking lot. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Roll call vote: Cory Belden, no; Stephen King, no; Gregg Mikolaities, no; Brett Mulvey, no; Joe Persechino, no; and Todd Cronin, abstained. Motion failed.

**E. Correspondence
Financial Reports**

The Recreation Commission reviewed the financial reports dated November 27, 2019. It was noted that there was 15.89% left in the Recreation Budget and 34.04% left in the Recreation Revolving Budget. Lee Arthur explained she was concerned about getting some of the expenditures for the community center spent (furniture, fridge, gaming center and other items).

F. Old Business

Recreation Multi-Purpose Storage Facility Update

The wiring, insulation, and sheet rock has been completed and it was discussed that the last draw of \$15,000 was left to be paid.

Recreation Congregational Church Space Update

The Recreation Commission is waiting to receive the updated lease from the church to sign.

Church Program Staffing

Gregg Mikolaities reported that the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen supported a new 32 hours per week position (no benefits) to program and operate the new multi generational community space at the church. Lee Arthur explained once the lease is signed the job description will be created and that person would need to be well qualified.

G. New Business

Program Updates

Lee Arthur reported that there were not enough registrants for a girl's basketball team. Discussion ensued about the number of youth interested in basketball overall.

Other

Cory Belden mentioned that the Rye Soccer Association wants to put up a kick wall on the recreation field in the spring and were thinking about placing it by the outflow for the drainage.

H. Adjournment

*Motion was made by Gregg Mikolaities to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.
Seconded by Cory Belden. Motion carried.*

The next Recreation Commission Meeting is Monday, January 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at Rye Town Hall.

**These are draft minutes. Please refer to the minutes of the next meeting for approvals/corrections.*