



Mailing: 10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870
Physical: 55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH 03870
Phone: (603) 964-6281 ∞ Fax: (603) 964-1516

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Recreation Storage Facility

55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH

6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman, Cory Belden, Joe Persechino, Todd Cronin, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey by phone, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

The Recreation Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes of August 3, 2020.

Motion was made by Stephen King to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020. Seconded by Joe Persechino. All in favor roll call vote: Todd Cronin, yes; Brett Mulvey, yes; Joe Persechino, yes; Stephen King, yes; and Gregg Mikolaities, yes. Cory Belden abstained. Motion carried.

IV. Correspondence

Financial Reports

Lee Arthur provided the Recreation Commissioners with the financial reports for August. Spending continues to be frozen because of the absence of revenue. The recreation budget had \$173,904.53 expended (48.90% left); recreation revolving budget \$48,343.68 expended (83.23% left) and patriotic purposes \$3,006.68 expended (71.90% left). The program revenue received to date does not cover the recreation revolving fund expenditures reported. The Recreation Director and the Administration and Programs Assistant are working in program(s) in order to sustain programming due to the financial impact of COVID. The origin of the recreation budgets were discussed and the differences between recreation and recreation revolving.

It was discussed that Rye Recreation Soccer has 87 participants and was the first recreation program to reopen and that it has been successfully modified. The After-

School Program has not reopened at this time, however, when able would have 50% less participants and revenue than prior to COVID.

It was noted that the mowing line item in the Recreation Budget had no expenditures, because the department has not been billed. The Patriotic Purposes Budget will be under expended because both Memorial Day Ceremony and the 4th of July Celebration were virtual.

The Youth Recreational Athletics Account had a balance of \$96,696.49 on September 8, 2020.

V. Old Business

Reopening Programs

Cory Belden reported that the Rye Recreation Soccer Program began Saturday and had 87 participants. He mentioned that it went well all spectators, participants, and coaches were screened (temperature checked) in their cars on arrival. The schedule was staggered. The soccer program was modified to box soccer to allow for physical distancing. David Williams a Rye resident, UNH soccer goalie coach and former professional soccer player introduced box soccer to the community. It was developed prior to COVID to assist players in understanding spacing on the field and passing. Grids were painted on each field to accommodate the game.

Stephen King mentioned that box soccer is a tremendous tool in teaching soccer tactics. Cory Belden pointed out that because of the layout of the grid's participants can carryout a series of passes and can't hold onto the ball for more than 3 seconds. He felt that the second graders adapted very well to the new game, but it was a little more difficult for the first graders.

The 2020-2021 After School Program Reopening Policies and Procedures were forwarded to the Rye School Board and Lee Arthur attended their meeting on August 19, 2020. Suzanne Lull had concerns regarding breaking into different pods after school. The school board indicated that her responsibility was for the school day. They didn't seem to have concerns with the after-school program in the school, however, did state that they wanted to ensure that Suzanne Lull was comfortable with the program presence. It was left that Suzanne Lull would contact Lee Arthur, which she did and requested a two-month delay. Lee Arthur indicated that they agreed to delay the opening to October 1, 2020 pending the outcome of the school reopening and are scheduled to meet on September 25, 2020.

The focus is on preparing the after-school room(s), to be able to operate on October 1, 2020. It was discussed that school has only been in operation for a couple days, however, everything seems to be going well. Email correspondence from Rye Elementary has pointed out that the students are doing a good job.

It was discussed whether the schools were conducting temperature checks. Parents are conducting self-screening including temperature checks at home and electronically attesting that they have been conducted. Different screen methods were noted including Kinsa technology for tracking and taking temperatures.

The Space Use Agreement was discussed. Joe Persechino indicated that the agreement will automatically renew for one-year contingent on enrolment numbers. It was noted that there has been new enrolments however, it is not known how many students dropped out or left during the prior school year or did not reenroll this year.

Other

Included in the meeting packet was Rye Recreation 2021-2026 CIP submission.

Gregg Mikolaities asked if the Town of Rye Budget Schedule had been determined. Lee Arthur indicated no and that she would notify him when received.

VI. New Business

Recreation Storage Facility Ribbon Cutting

Gregg Mikolaities asked Lee Arthur to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Recreation Storage Facility and invite the Board of Selectmen and Department Heads. He pointed out that at \$150,000 all in was great deal. He then solicited the commissioners as to what the need was for junior high programming. Todd Cronin indicated that the junior high is offering intermural sports and that cross country is Monday-Thursday.

It was discussed that it is premature to determine if winter basketball would be held. However, it maybe tough as the school is not allowing parents in the school. It was suggested at this point looking to January. It was mentioned that people are looking for outside activities country skiing, walk in the woods, snow shoeing etc. There is a contract provider in the Kittery/York area that offers nature education and there may be an opportunity to collaborate. Cory Belden offered to get more information.

It was noted that Lee Arthur will be meeting with Suzanne Lull on September 25, 2020 and if any of the commissioners wanted to attend, they are welcomed.

VII. Adjournment

It was discussed that the next meeting would be October 5, 2020

*Motion was made by Cory Belden to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.
Seconded by Todd Cronin. All in favor roll call vote: Todd Cronin, yes; Cory Belden, yes; Brett Mulvey, yes; Joe Persechino, yes; Stephen King, yes; and Gregg Mikolaities, yes. Motion carried.*

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