



RECREATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
The Wave Community Center
At Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH

In attendance: Cory Belden (Chair), Stacy Krecklow, Joe Persechino, Marlene Veloso, Dyana Martin (Recreation Director), Jonathan Fox. Brett Mulvey sent his regrets

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Cory Belden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes: The commission went over the minutes from the 5/10/2023 meeting and Marlene made a motion to accept, with Stacy seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous with Jonathan abstaining.

Spring/Summer Programs: Dyana then discussed the new flyers that they had been doing for camps and the enrollment for each camp. She asked about how to get the word out to the families with children that are younger than school age and Marlene suggested the Rye Country Daycare. Dyana stated that she knew the Director personally and would reach out to her in the fall.

Dyana then stated again that she would like to possibly try to host a charcuterie board class and Marlene suggested that Onita at the Office Lounge be contacted for a location for that class.

There was also discussion about having a Date Night event that we could host the babysitting for, and the commission suggested Dennis as the lead in the childcare aspect of that. That also led to a discussion about funding to make Dennis a full-time employee but there would be more to discuss on how that could happen in the future.

Ironwood Payment: There was a discussion in regard to the payments needed for the Master Plan work from Ironwood. It had come to Dyana's attention that the money had not been encumbered for the payment for the work that Ironwood had done, and is finishing, for the Master Plan, so she brought it to the attention of the Commission and Joe suggested that he go to meet with Becky to see where we could take the money

from in the budget to pay the bill. Joe then moved on to give an overview of the work that he had done with Ironwood in regard to the facility layout. This discussion was helpful to get Jonathan up to speed with that was happening with the Master Plan for the Recreation facility.

Joe went on to state that years ago there was a vote for a community center and it was voted down at the time, but moving forward years now we were able to build a storage facility and there are new families with different needs so the commission decided to revisit and do a Master Plan to see if a community center was of interested as well as see what else the community would like to see in the recreation facilities. The Master Plan has been worked on since 2021 and last year there was a survey done in November along with the prior Master Plan public input. Then last month, the commission met with Ironwood again to discuss the facility drawings and they had done to make any changes or decide on a plan to move forward with. In part of the discussion for change, the softball field came up. Dyana suggested that it be made into a multiuse softball field so there could be adult softball as well as girls' softball play on it. Marlene brought up the idea of indoor practice space and asked if there could be a multiuse gymnasium space.

After the facility changes were made, Joe stated that he would take them back to Ironwood so they could revamp the design. Joe then revisited their payment and made a motion to allow Dyana to take the money out of the software portion of the general fund budget line to pay Ironwood for their work completed while the commission investigates the warrant article so they (Ironwood) could be paid on their original timeline. Marlene seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The commission members then voted to move Jonathan Fox's name forward to the Selectboard to become an official member of the Recreation Commission. Cory made the motion and Stacy seconded the motion with all being in favor.

The next two dates for the commission meeting sere set:

Monday, July 10th, 6:00pm at the Wave
Monday August 14th, 6:00pm at the Wave

Cory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe, the vote was unanimous at 8:05pm.