



Rye Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
The Wave Community Center
At Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870

Call to Order: 6:04pm

On attendance: Dyana Martin, Cory Belden, Stacy Krecklow, Brett Mulvey, Susan Ross, Becca McGee, Joe Persechino, Jonathan Fox, Richard Ferber

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Provided by Cory Belden

Motion to accept: Provided by Richard Ferber; second by Stacy Krecklow; All in favor with the exception of two abstained votes [Jonathan Fox and Brett Mulvey].

Deputy Director Update - Becca was present at the Nov. 6th commission meeting to be introduced to the members.

We discussed what funds the Deputy Director hourly rate is being allocated from and precisely what percent of the position will be coming from each respective funds.

Halloween recap - Dyana shared a summary of the Halloween event with the commission. The weather was warm, making a pleasant night for an outdoor movie. The community turnout was abundant, bringing in about 150 members of the community. Hot dogs, popcorn, chips, and water were served by our staff. Goodie bags were given to the children as they departed, and a costume contest was conducted during the event. If we were to replicate this event, we would change the placement of the food to a location further from the movie projection. This will limit the disruption of the movie.

Basketball program – This year's basketball program will be run by Pat Quinn. We will be joining the Stratham travel league as opposed to a house league which has been done in previous years. This program will service children in 3rd through 6th grade with the exception of the 5th and 6th grade girls who have opted to join the junior varsity school team. Games will begin on December 2nd and will come to a close by February 17th. 88 of varying children's ages will be participating in basketball this season. Also the Rye Rec will be hosting their program for the K-2 basketball player as well included in that number above.

Ski program – The King pine Ski program is filled up once again with 51 participating students, with 3 students on the wait list. Students will have a choice to free ski, take a lesson, and rent skis. The details outlined for this program are still being finalized.

Master Plan –The Master Plan phase one is projected to cost \$75,000 dollars in improvements. These funds will be utilized to update the existing lower baseball field by adding in a new infield, backstop and fence. Then the soccer fields will be reconfigured to add an additional softball field.

Cory shared information from his meeting with the softball and baseball leagues. Brett disclosed that the saturation of the grounds is higher at the far end of the field in the proposed placement of the softball field. Cory discussed with the leagues the possibility of swapping the placement of these two field in order to ensure softball could be provided a fully functional field by the town. Nonetheless, it was disclosed to Cory by the leagues that these fields would be used as secondary spaces to their preexisting fields so swapping the placement to adjust for the saturation would not be necessary.

Richard shared his concerns with field maintenance after the completion of this phase of the Master plan. He explained the needs of the field maintenance to aid the commission in further execution of field maintenance.

First step to implement the Master plan – the creation of a softball field and moving of the office space. After removal of the current office the space will be utilized to build future courts/fields/rec spaces such as pickle ball courts.

Dyana stated, she brought the figures for the different items that will be necessary for to complete the first steps in the Master Plan. There was discussion and agreement from all members of the Commission that the price was thought to be low.

Additionally, Cory presented a copy of the final layout of the Master Plan. This was newly presented information; Cory did not receive this document until 5:30 on Nov. 6th. Since the commission did not have ample time to review this document it will be emailed to all present members of the meeting and reviewed at a later date.

Next meeting is schedule for December 4th 2023

Motion to adjourn meeting: Provided by Jonathan Fox

Second by Richard

Meeting ended at 7:25