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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 14, 2018
Rye Recreation Office
55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH
6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman, Cory Belden, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Georgina Saravia, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of Minutes

- **Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2018 and April 21, 2018.**

The meeting minutes of April 2, 2018 were reviewed.

Motion was made by Stephen King to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2018. Seconded by Cory Belden. Motion carried.

The meeting minutes of April 21, 2018 were reviewed.

Motion was made by Cory Belden to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2018. Seconded by Georgina Saravia. Motion carried.

D. Correspondence

- **Financial Reports**

The financial reports for April 2018 were reviewed. At the end of April the Recreation General Fund Budget had 74.08%, Recreation Revolving Fund Budget 74.99%, Patriotic Purposes Budget 75.45% and Capital Outlay 100% remaining. It was noted that under the General Fund Budget \$7,603 was encumbered and there is \$5,703 remaining. There is also \$150,000 allocated for a multi-purpose storage facility.

- **Gregg Mikolaities correspondence to Margaret Honda, Rye School Board Chairperson regarding Rye Elementary School Space Use Agreement.**

Included in the meeting packet was a letter from Gregg Mikolaities to Margaret Honda, Rye School Board Chairperson regarding the 2018-2019 Space Use Agreement. The correspondence has been placed on the May 16, 2018, Rye School Board Agenda. The Rye School Board Meeting process regarding public comment and agenda items was discussed.

Lee Arthur stated that the 2018-2019 After School Program Sign-up was held on Monday, May 7, 2018. She explained that the enrollment was capped at 40 participants each day, the same as the current year. However, if more space becomes available participants will be moved from a waiting list. Currently, one week after the commencement of sign-up Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday are full with limited space on Friday. Friday remains available because individuals cannot sign up for one day and those on the waiting list need more than one day. The number of students on the waiting list is as follows: Monday five, Tuesday six, Wednesday eight, Thursday five, and Friday four. A deposit equal to one month tuition has been received by all applicants.

It was noted that of all the applications received, there are 12 new participants. Cory Belden indicated that there is a need for the program in the community. It is anticipated that there will be a need to accommodate 60 participants based on the fact that after one week of open enrollment seven families cannot be accommodated. Stephen King asked if individuals were accepted on a first come first serve basis. Lee Arthur explained the process, that all registrations received on Monday, May 7, 2018 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. were accepted. She pointed out that after Monday, May 7, 2018 there was 21 current program participants that had not signed up. Stephen King asked if a lottery be fairer. It was discussed that the lottery option was looked at in the past. It was discussed that the lottery system would have to account for siblings. Gregg Mikolaities pointed out that the goal should be to trying to accommodate everyone.

The message to the Rye School Board is that there is the need and demand for two dedicated rooms and Rye Recreation has the resources to operate the program and just needs space. The history of the program was discussed and that the program has value to the education process. It was noted that one dedicated class room is needed in order to operate; a dedicated classroom can accommodate 25 participants and a shared class room 15 participants. Stephen King pointed out that it important to have an advocate within the school and the liaison was discussed. Gregg Mikolaities said he plans on attending the School Board Meeting on May 16, 2018. Lee Arthur mentioned that there is a direct correlation between program quality and space.

E. Old Business

- **Space Use Agreement 2018-2019**

There were no comments regarding the Space Use Agreement 2018-2019 submitted to the Rye School Board.

- **Recreation Area Existing Conditions Master Plan**

Included in the meeting packet was a proposal from James Vera and Associates, Inc. for a field topographic survey of a section of the Recreation Area; topographic survey to be on NHSPC and the vertical datum will be NGVD 1929; preparation of digital and hard copy plans; and attendance at commission meeting. He indicated that the work would not exceed \$2,500. Cory Belden referred to a map that was also included in the meeting packet. He reported that the Recreation Area was divided into three sections and A1 on the map was the area James Vera would address because it was the area that could accommodate a multi-purpose storage facility.

Gregg Mikolaities noted that James Vera and Associates, Inc. were currently conducting work on Washington Road and that perhaps if it was for the Conservation Commission they may be able to be redirected to the Recreation Area for a day. Lee Arthur stated that she would check with Sally King of the Conservation Commission.

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to approve the proposal from James Vera and Associates, Inc not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded by Georgina Saravia.
Motion carried*

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

Cory Belden mentioned that it is important to still move forward on the building project while waiting for the survey to be completed. Different building options were discussed (prefabricated building, concrete, stick built etc.). The process for acquiring a company was also discussed (request for proposal, request for qualifications, and bid). It was decided that more research would be completed and a list of different companies and options would be reviewed at the next Recreation Commission Meeting. Gregg Mikolaities asked Lee Arthur to provide him with the contact information for CXT a prefabricated concrete building contractor.

F. New Business

- **Program Updates**

The Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Central Cemetery. The deadline for signing up for flag football is May 24, 2018 and there has been limited sign-ups (Grades 3-5, 7 participants; Grades 6-8, 3 participants), a notice of the deadline will be sent out through both schools next week, coaches and officials are needed.

Shortly after the deadline a decision will be made on whether there is enough interest and resources to operate the program. Lee Arthur is working on a middle school program that would operate two days a week next fall a formal request for space will be submitted to Rye Congregational Church. The band for the July 4 Celebration will be J.C. Underhill Band and the Elvis Experience.

- **Other**

Gregg Mikolaities reported that there is a group of citizens that are actively working to have Plan NH complete a charrette for Rye. They currently are looking for town-wide support to cover the \$6,000 expense and participate in the venture. They are requesting

the selectmen's support in making the application to Plan NH. Steven Borne and Paula Tsetsilas are leading the charge. Gregg Mikolaities indicated if anyone is interest in getting involved to contact either Steven Borne or Paula Tsetsilas.

- Brett Mulvey mentioned that the City of Portsmouth is building new athletic fields and Russ Wilson the Recreation Director is promoting artificial turf because it is utilized 100 percent of the time compared to grass. He mentioned that an artificial turf field in Rye would be transformative for users as it could be used longer. Gregg Mikolaities said that he had consulted with Exeter Recreation for two years on a project that included turf fields. It was submitted to the voters and failed although it had buy in from all their local sport organizations. It was noted that turf fields are very expensive and there are also environmental concerns.

The Recreation Commission will meet again on June 4, July 2, and August 6, 2018.

G. Adjournment

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
Seconded by Cory Belden. Motion carried.*