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**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 4, 2018**  
**Rye Recreation Office**  
**55 Recreation Road, Rye, NH**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman, Todd Cronin, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey, Georgina Saravia, Commissioners, and Lee Arthur, Recreation Director.

**A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**• Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018.**

The meeting minutes of May 14, 2018 were reviewed. Stephen King indicated that the sentence: "Stephen King asked if a lottery be fairer.", located on page two, third paragraph, line eight, should be changed to: "Stephen King asked if a lottery process would be more fair." He also pointed out that the sentence: "Stephen King pointed out that it important to have an advocate within the school and the liaison was discussed.", located on page two, fourth paragraph, line six, should be changed to: "Stephen King pointed out that it is important to have an advocate within the school and the liaison was discussed." Gregg Mikolaities noted that the sentence: "It was noted that turf fields are very expensive and there are also environmental concerns.", located on page four, second paragraph, last sentence, should be changed to: "Different aspects of turf fields was discussed."

***Motion was made by Georgina Saravia to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018 with the changes as discussed. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.***

## **D. Correspondence**

### **• Financial Reports**

The financial reports for May 2018 were reviewed. At the end of May the Recreation General Fund Budget had 66.89%, Recreation Revolving Fund Budget 69.95%, Patriotic Purposes Budget 41.72% and Capital Outlay 100% remaining. It was noted that under the General Fund Budget the funds encumbered were for Ralph Morang Multi-purpose Field seeding and computer training. The funds encumbered under the Recreation Revolving Fund Budget were for the guard rail and fence. There is also \$150,000 allocated for a multi-purpose storage facility.

## **E. Old Business**

### **• Follow-up to Rye School Board Meeting (Space Use Agreement 2018-2019)**

Gregg Mikolaities reported that Lee Arthur and he attended the May 16, 2018 meeting of the Rye School Board. The results of the 2018-2019 After School Program Sign-up held on Monday, May 7, 2018 was presented and that the program is full with a waiting list. It was explained to the School Board that the enrollment was capped at 40 participants each day and based on the current space. He also told them that he is trying to manage expectations and it is anticipated that there could be upward of 60 students that need the program.

It was noted that two dedicated rooms were requested to meet the current demand and that at a minimum one dedicated class room is needed in order to operate the program. A dedicated classroom can accommodate 25 participants and 15 participants in a shared classroom.

Gregg Mikolaities noted that he mentioned that the Recreation Commission is willing to send a representative quarterly to School Board Meetings. It was pointed out by the School Board that discussion items need to be placed on the agenda.

The School Board indicated that they were unable to make a decision until they have the opportunity to speak with Suzanne Lull, Rye Elementary School Principal, at their next meeting.

The Commission discussed that perhaps they need the Selectmen to broker a lease for longer terms and more classroom space. This was one of the recommendations in the Recreation Space Needs Study.

Lee Arthur indicated that the number of students on the waiting list is as follows: Monday six, Tuesday seven, Wednesday ten, Thursday six, and Friday four. A deposit equal to one month tuition has been received by all applicants.

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

Included in the meeting packet was the signed proposal for James Vera and Associates, Inc. to conduct a field topographic survey of a section of the Recreation Area. Lee Arthur asked James Vera if the Conservation Commission was in agreement, could he

conduct the recreation field topographic survey before completing some of their work. She also spoke with Sally King who said she would contact Jim Vera and see if it is possible. Lee Arthur was asked to follow-up with Sally King.

Lee Arthur said that she reached out to local builder, Joe Tucker, to gain a builders perspective on the Multi-purpose Storage Facility. He indicated that he would assist in organizing a meeting with local builders and thought that their input would be helpful. Gregg Mikolaities indicated that he would speak with Joe Tucker and look into putting together an updated sketch.

Different building options were discussed (prefabricated building, concrete, stick built etc.). Information on three precast concrete manufacturers of buildings (Easi-set, Public Restroom Company and CXT Concrete Buildings) was included in the meeting packet. Lee Arthur noted that Easi-set has a local manufacturer (Shea Concrete Products of Wilmington, MA).

Gregg Mikolaities reported that the Board of Selectmen is looking for an area to store the Senior Serve Van and he was approached if the Recreation Commission could perhaps increase the size of the new facility for the van. Gregg Mikolaities mentioned the Commission would keep that in mind as the building plan gets developed. The Selectmen currently have no funding for space for the Senior Serve Van. Any funding would have to be approved by the voters at the next town meeting.

Todd Cronin asked if any of the groups that use the area had provided input. Lee Arthur indicated that input was solicited at the Recreation Commission Meeting in February and that Leif Honda of the Rye Soccer Association was the only organization that has responded. The concession area was discussed and it was indicated that Rye Little League had planned over the years to improve/re-build the snack shack in front of the modular: however, no action has been taken.

- **Flag Football**

The following number of participants have registered for Flag Football: Grades 3-5 Co-ed, 10; Grades 6-8 Boys, 6; and Grades 6-8 Girls, 0. There were two parents of boys in the grades 6-8 category that offered to assistant coach.

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey not to offer Flag Football in 2018, but try to offer it again in 2019. Seconded by Todd Cronin. Motion carried.*

- **Rye Recreation Area Turf Management and Mowing Program**

Lee Arthur indicated that Shawn Crapo wanted to request that instead of seeding by the backstop on the Ralph Morang Multi-purpose Field that crushed stone be placed.

*Motion was made by Brett Mulvey to authorize Seaside Landscaping to use crushed stone by the backstop on the Ralph Morang Multi-purpose Field. Seconded by Georgina Saravia. Motion carried.*

**F. New Business**

- **Rye Soccer Association Field(s) Use Application**

The Rye Soccer Association Field(s) Use Application was included in the meeting packet. It was noted that their application was complete.

*Motion was made by Stephen King to approve the Rye Soccer Association Field(s) Use Application. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.*

- **Message Board**

Included in the meeting packet were examples of two different message boards for the recreation area. The old board was built by Bud Jordan, former Public Works Director, and was damaged. Lee Arthur indicated the need to get the accessory that allows for flyers to be stored. It was discussed that the larger board was preferred and that the total cost would be determined and provided at the next meeting.

- **Other**

Brett Mulvey indicated that the City of Portsmouth has allocated a recreational area as gun-free. He mentioned that he had discussed the ability of individuals to carry at the Recreation Area and is concerned that the Recreation Commission may have been misinformed. Lee Arthur indicated that she spoke with Chief Walsh and that he mentioned that the issue was complicated. Gregg Mikolaities asked that Chief Walsh be requested to provide input on the issue of guns at the recreation area. He doesn't have to attend a meeting as a written response would be sufficient. It was noted that it was the Jones Avenue Recreation Area in Portsmouth that has posted no guns and dogs must be leashed.

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

**G. Adjournment**

*Motion was made by Stephen King to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Brett Mulvey. Motion carried.*