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The minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Roberts, Dan Reynolds, Kevin McLoughlin, Don LePage, Mark Manolakis, Tom Kaye, Donna Prather (Recreation Director)

Absent: Erin Bailey

Minutes of the August 30, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted

Guest: Jeff Morneau presented his project of building a Ball Wall at the high school. The commission supported his project but directed him to the Superintendent and School Committee because it would be on school property

Director's Report:

- *There are 700 participants in fall sports and activities
- *Joe Carnevale has been hired as a Recreation Department Assistant
- *The soccer board needs help in reorganization
- *The new running program is up and running
- *Mike Gaudette submitted his resignation from the Recreation Commission on September 3, 2021
- *The proper channels for a grievance need to be reviewed with the sports associations

Sports Association Reports

Baseball (Kevin McLoughlin)

- *Evaluations are underway
- *The association has a balance of \$14,000 in their account from fundraising
- *The team that participated in the Cal Ripken tournament in South Carolina represented East Longmeadow well

Basketball (Don LePage)

- *Association is waiting to hear from the school on availability of gyms before moving forward with planning the season

Football /Cheerleading (Tom Kaye)

- *Football and cheerleading are now working as a joint association

Swimming (Nancy Roberts)

*Marlins had 115 swimmers at evaluations

Kevin McLoughlin reported that all fields in town will be worked on by October 16th. He is asking for a plan to keep them in good condition after the work.

New Business

*Tom Kaye suggested the Recreation Commission focus of four items with liaisons as follows:

- *Sports Associations (Tom Kaye)
- *Fields and Facilities (Kevin McLoughlin)
- *CPC advocate for recreation (Dan Reynolds)
- *Elf Foundation (Mark Manolakis, Don LePage)

*Amendment of Bylaws

A motion was made by Nancy Roberts and seconded by Don Lepage that stated "The membership of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission should be seven voting members with no alternatives. A quorum would consist of at least six members."

After discussion, the motion was amended to read "Article 3 Section 1 under Membership, "The membership of the Commission shall be (7) voting members with (2) alternates. Alternates will have voting powers if acting in the absence of a member. A quorum of (4) is needed." Passed 5-0

A motion was made by Mark Manolakis and seconded by Tom Kaye to amend Article 4 Section 1 that stated, "Regular meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday and additional meeting to be posted for anytime in the month for an emergency purpose." No discussion / Passed 5-0

A motion was made by Mark Manolakis and seconded by Tom Kaye to change the wording in Article 3 Section 5 to read, "Absence, without prior acceptable reason, will be handled in the following manner

Three consecutive meetings will require the Chair to speak, verbally, with the person who is in violation and a written notice will be sent to the Town Manager. More than two notices in a calendar year will lead to termination.

If , by the sixth (6th) consecutive meeting, no word has been received, then, the

Commission can recommend to the Town Manager that the said person be relieved from his or her duties.” No discussion / Passed 5-0

Agenda Items

Invite members of the sports association to attend our next meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 6:00 in the ELCAT media room at 130 Maple St

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM