

## **The January 11, 2023, meeting of the East Longmeadow Recreation Commission held at the East Longmeadow Public Library.**

Called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Tom Kaye.

Roll Call: Tom Kaye, Bill Rinaldi, Kevin McLoughlin, Peter Shorrocks, Don LePage and Donna Prather (Recreation Director)

Guest to Address the Commission: none

Approval of minutes: tabled

### Recreation Director Report 1/11/2023

- Basketball is going, but it has been a bumpy road, taking lots of notes on how to do things better, in over our head with multiple leagues & too many kids, no level service agreement. Rec, CYO, ed & Suburban, G&B HS.
- We are being bumped on a regular basis from school & church space
- Cheer is full & we are turning kids away. We can only fit so many kids into the space we have.
- Need volunteers, never enough. We have the same people & they are burning out.
- How can we recruit, train, recognize, retain. More would lessen the burden for all.
- PK - changing registration, collecting fees upfront to avoid chasing families down or getting stuck with open spots. We are behind on everything camp related. There are repairs/updates that need to be done at PK per the state inspection. Bruce & Rob are aware.
- XTAC is going to have to be overhauled in order to run, buses & admission fee & staff is costly. Making it unaffordable. Upfront bookings is a struggle without \$\$\$
- Minimum wage has gone to \$15.
- Going to TimeClock Plus for scheduling staff & funding with the town budget. Takes the sting on of registrations fees
- Registrations for baseball, volleyball, softball & boys lax recently went live. Girls lax and camp coming soon
- Donations from Wilbraham Funeral home & Springfield Cemetery \$2000 Leahy family connection
- No rink - weather is not cooperating & I want to save the liner if we cannot have a nice cold season
- Paying school use on top of St. Mike's, First Congregational hikes registration fees.
- Credit card fees - working on getting our rates lowered
- Budgets are due 1/17.
- Meetings are happening with sports volunteers to go over needs

- I will be out for hip surgery starting Thursday 1/19 and aiming to return on Monday 1/30. If anything needs addressing, you can reach out to Jess 413-525-5400 X:1303 during the day. 413-657-1590 (cell) during the evening.

Bethesda

Divide cheer practice

SWAP scorekeeping - Erin

Paper advertisement

A-frame

Legal advice for sports fundraising

New Business: none

Old Business: none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm

The next meeting will be held February 8, 2023, at the East Longmeadow Public Library located at 60 Center Square.