

MEETING MINUTES

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING 1/12/2022

This meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

Roll Call

Present: Don LePage, Mark Manolakis, Tom Kaye, Dan Reynolds, Donna Prather (Recreation Director), Kevin Mcloughlin, Mike Fox.

Absent: Nancy Roberts, Peter Shorrock, Ann Lysik

A motion was made by Tom Kaye and seconded by Mark Manolakis to approve the meeting minutes of 9/20/21 and 10/13/21. Both motions passed 5-0.

Guests: None

Director Notes

- Basketball games started last night back up 1/3
- rink is up & running
- We're finished with basketball hiring
- Ski club starts this week with 40 participants
- Intro to theater starts 1/24, we have 12 registered
- Bitty ball starts 1/15
- We are rolling out spring sports registrations & will start camp registrations by 2/1
- George Kingston reached out & he is interested in helping with ELF/grants. Need the IRS to open an account.
- The Marlins took a break over the break because of covid Champs 1/22 spectators are in questions. 108 signed.
- We are postponing swim lessons until March due to lifeguard shortages/covid
- Mini preschool starts 1/25
- Wrestling tournament 1/23
- 1/25 fall sports meeting to discuss field usage
- Capital Advisory Committee - 12/9, can be found at ELCAT01028

Jess will send a reminder the week before the meeting to Tom for agenda items

Old Business

*Kevin Mcloughlin implied about the status of lights at Center Field. It was recommended by Tom Kaye that an application be submitted to the CPC.

New Business

*Donna Prather will send the duties of each office employee to the commission board.

*The Recreation Commission advised the Recreation Department that sports organizations who are 501.C3 should be notified/stressed that they are their own entity and are subject to less support from the Recreation Department as in the past. With the creation of the East Longmeadow Foundation (ELF), each sport organization should be sending representatives to ELF meetings to help with the fund raising for all of Recreation.

*The Recreation Department would like to thank Center Street Grille for the donation to loan igloos and heaters.

*Kevin Mcloughlin asked the commission if sport associations should be attending Recreation Commission meetings. The commission recommend that there should be representatives from sports organizations attending these meetings and that the commission should continue to send representatives to the sports organization meetings.

*Motion made by Tom Kaye to invite sport organization members to commission meeting to discuss the Service Level Agreement document and ELF at either the next meeting or in the month of February 2022. Motion was seconded by Mike Fox – Motion passed 6-0.

ELF

*E-mail approval from the IRS has been received – waiting for the official letter from the IRS to declare ELF as a 501.C3 organization.

*Chris Devoie, George Kingston and Joe Williams have expressed interest in joining.

CPC

*Tom Kaye and Dan Reynolds recommended that the Recreation Department should attend a future CPC meeting to be vetted. Nothing new on the docket for the Recreation Department.

*CPC has recently approved funding for the lacrosse wall ball application that was submitted in October 2021.

DPW

*The Recreation Department is appreciative of the town DPW for filling the town rink with water in preparation for opening the rink to the public.

*Donna informed the Commission that the DPW has purchased new vehicles recently.

*Tom Kaye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm...motion was seconded by Mark Manolakis...motion passed 6-0. Next Scheduled Recreation Commission meeting is 6pm on 1/25/22 at the Center of Aging building located at 328 North Main Street.

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