

North Stonington Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024

Attending Commissioners: M. Perkins, M. Broneill, E. Mastroianni, L. Umphlett

Attending Guests: Tom Fabian (Rec Director), Brett Mastroianni, Sean Morrone (via zoom)

Call to Order: 6:39 p.m.

Minutes: February 8, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes approved (4-0)

Financial Report: reviewed and approved (5-0)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business

- **Use of ARPA Funds (\$6,404 remaining balance):** continuing to hold as allocated for pickleball courts.
- **Background check policy:** Previously submitted policy reviewed; this was for service with JDP.
 - JDP cost is \$100 to start the account and the All Star package is \$12.95/check. Dir. Fabian has requested pricing for Pro Package with them.
 - As a comparison, Checker service is \$30/check.

Some additional questions discussed: once a background check is done, how often/do we require another? Who should have the background check done (i.e. – Santa, golf referrals, babysitting course instructor, archery instructors). Dir. Fabian will speak with Futsal vendor to see if they background check their instructors, along with Golf provider.

- **Pickleball Courts:** The Rotary Club of Stonington has funding available, and they would like to support the town with outdoor activities. Sean Morrone video conferenced into the meeting to discuss team reach apps and the popularity of pickleball. He noted that Stonington Recreation charges for pickleball court use - \$5/residents and \$15/non-residents each hour. The need to schedule court time is important and something Rec should consider.
- **Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th:** Egg Stuffing planned for 3/28 @ 6pm. Egg Hunt at 10 am on 3/30. L. Umphlett will post online.

New Business

- **5 Year Capital Plan:** Capital is for expenditures \$10,000 or more. As grants become available to the town, we should have a plan in place to submit. Some examples: new playground/equipment, fitness trails, irrigation at fields, court resurface, concession stands.
- **Rec Budget presentation:** \$2,900 was removed from the budget. This was from program expenses/operations. Regarding Summer Camp, L. Umphlett can submit a list of supplies/expenses for review. Discussion was held affirming the need for programs to break even.

Public Comment:

- Project Work for M. Broneill work groups; if there is a list of tasks that need to be completed, he will review and submit for consideration (painting, repairs, prepping for summer program, etc.)

- Administrative Fees: Brought up that there should be one fee for all; to be discussed further.
- Drama Camp: MaryBeth Tavares has requested to run a two-week drama camp thru the Rec. The Commission discussed the program and concerns surrounding the cost. Also discussed was administrative fee for the program. Commission agreed to review at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn 8:29 p.m. approved (4-0)