

TOWN OF LYME
RECREATION COMMISSION

Recreation Meeting: Monday September 12th, 2022

In Attendance:

Dina Cutting, Curtis Shepard, Judy Brotman, Chris Pratt, Luke Prince, Will Mudge

The meeting was called to session at 6:04 PM.

Will Mudge spoke about the ice-skating rink at Post Pond recreation area. Curtis made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for new, larger liner and the necessary additional hardware needed for the larger size rink. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The commission thanked Will and others in the community for making the skating rink such a wonderful winter resource.

The Commission reviewed Steve's report. There were no questions for Steve.

The Commission discussed having Porta-Potty for the winter located near where the skating will be.

Curtis mentioned an idea he has had - that the Recreation Commission host an ice fishing tournament as a fund raiser. There was general consensus in support of the idea.

The Commission talked about getting new key fobs for entry to the school. It was noted that the gym/community room floor has been refinished and it is now lined for all sorts of sports. The school will be ordering protective covering for the newly finished floor. The sense of the Commission was to add this cost to the grant being submitted to The Lyme Foundation for the school.

Social Security numbers are still required by Demosphere for background checks for coaches and other volunteers. This has raised concerns with some volunteers. The Commission may need to look at other registry software vendors for use in Lyme if this continues to be an issue.

The Commission approved reserving the gym for Pickle Ball for 8-10 AM Sundays at the school. It was discussed that like other winter sports groups they can have 1 weekend time slot. They can choose Saturday or Sunday, but they cannot have both days.

Adult basketball will resume on Sunday, from 10:00 AM -12:30 PM.

It was noted that we need to make sure the Gym/community room is equally shared by all interested groups. The Commission needs to be mindful of other adult sports and certainly of the maintenance staff at the school. It is not the intent of the Recreation Commission to create a lot of extra cleaning duties for the school staff.

One last reminder- all adult sports come after recreation youth sports as far a scheduling the use of any of the facilities.

The Commission discussed the request by the pickle ball group for a backboard to be installed in basketball court area. The Commission was not in favor of having a backboard in the basketball area,

but would consider one on the courts. A backboard ~~This~~ is not something the Commission would fund at this time.

The pickle ball group in Lyme would like to host pickle ball tournament this fall. The Commission approved the request for a fall tournament, for one weekend only.

Mike Lepene and Chris Pratt ~~to~~ will run basketball for a combined boys/girls 5th to 8th grade on Sundays at 4:30 PM. This group will be open to all in that age group.

The Commission set September 26th at 4:30 PM as the day the swim area is secured for the winter. Luke and Chris will arrange a work group. Curtis can be there with his tractor. If time allows, the group will also move the batting cage so the area can be leveled.

Dina mention that Allan Newton used to bring in the tennis nets for the winter. We should continue to do this. We can store the nets in the loft at Steve's barn. Luke has large plastic bags he uses with batting cage net that the Commission can use for the nets. This should be done when the beach work is done.

The equipment shed at school is not in good shape, as reported by Steve. This was repaired just a month ago. Curtis feels it is in adequate shape to continue being used, but it does need to be leveled. Curtis will work with Steve to empty the shed, and then attempt to fix the foundation.

The Commission needs to find someone to lead the pumpkin festival. Dina has someone in mind, and she will ask.

Meeting ended at 7:15 PM

/s/ Luke Prince