

TOWN OF LYME
Recreation Commission
November 27, 2023

Members Present: Dina Cutting, Chair; Judith Brotman, Select Board representative; Curtis Shepard; Luke Prince; Steve Small, Recreation Director.

Public: None at this time

1. Chair Cutting opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.
2. The rink liner has come in-the Highway department did a spectacular job on raising up and leveling the section of the parking lot for the ice rink. THANK YOU!
3. Mr. Small updated the Commission on Soccer and the upcoming Ski programs. See attached report for November.
 - a. Baseball-Mr. Small is still working on this. He is gathering information and will report back with a recommendation in time to make a decision for the 2024 season.
 - b. The Ski Program fee should be reduced. Dartmouth charges an “administrative fee” to process the “free” student passes. Presently Lyme’s fee for the ski program is \$65. Mr. Small recommends reducing this to the following fees: downhill skiing \$45 (from 60), transportation - \$20 (from 25), XC skiing \$25 (from 30) The Commission voted to approved these adjusted fees with a motion from Mr. Shepard, seconded by Mr. Prince. Voted unanimously in favor.

The ski program will go with volunteer coaches like last year. This saves funding and keeps the cost down for participating families. The model worked great last year.
 - c. Soccer-The net for 2023 is in the red (**\$423.49**). 139 students participated compared to 142 in 2022. 9 scholarships were provided.
 - d. Basketball-preliminary budget was reviewed. The backboard on one end of the gym is not working-it will not go up or down. Mrs. Cutting to contact the school and get this repaired asap.
4. Mr. Shepard presented the Commission with a plan for some additional boat racks, made from treated lumber to prolong their life. These would be set up differently from the metal ones. The commission will go out and look at the area available for the new racks in the spring. Discussed using hard pack to stabilize and level the ground. It may consist of taking down some of the big trees along the end of the tennis courts. Curtis will come back to the commission with a cost estimate.
5. The Tennis Courts are in need of professional advice on whether to repair or replace them. The Commission has not heard back from the Lyme Foundation since its meeting about having a survey done. By Commission consensus it was agreed that the Commission’s original request to the Lyme Foundation prioritizing the tennis court for repair or replacement was our #1 need. Mrs. Cutting will forward on to the Lyme Foundation the Commission’s recommendation for the tennis/pickleball/basketball court repair/reconstruction for consideration.

Mrs. Cutting noted an email she received from Nancy Copeland wondering what the Commission’s plan was to address the tennis courts? Pickleball is growing and they are playing more. They have noticed all the cracks in the court. The Pickleball club players are more than willing to help in any way. They are very concerned in the declining condition of the courts. Mrs.

Cutting will write back to Mrs. Copeland to let her know the Recreation Commission is working on this project, collecting estimates and getting recommendations for professional services.

6. At 6:40 PM Mrs. Brotman moved to adjourn. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. Motion voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting

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