

Recreation Commission  
Monday September 25, 2023  
6:00PM Town office

September 25, 2023 Recreation meeting minutes.

Present for this meeting were members: Curtis Sheppard, Dina Cutting and Luke Prince.

Chris and Judy could not make this meeting because of previous commitments. Steve received an emergency refereeing call right before the meeting.

The Shack & repair of the changing room- This project is complete. Some grounds clean up to be done-we should set up a time to do this. The project went over budget by roughly \$2,000. The Commission reviewed the invoice. The shed had more rot than originally thought. More supplies and more man hours. The Commission decided to split this invoice as follows: Swan Fund-\$3,487.25 (final funds in this grant)-Capital Reserve Fund-\$3,628.38. Also \$1,200.00 from the revolving fund for the platform for the new school shed.

Batting Cage-Luke has some replacement parts- he will submit the receipts for these. He will be gathering to complete the Batting cage work soon.

Budget:

The commission reviewed the funding in the following accounts: the 2023 operating budget, Capital Reserve Fund, Recreation Revolving Fund and the Swan Grant finances.

Proposed 2024 budget: After review and discussion the sense of the Commission was to propose the same amount as 2023. The recreation commission is hoping to fill the Pond Program coordinator, lifeguards and monitors for the 2024 season. The Recreation Commission is especially hopeful the Pond program will start back up to include swimming lessons.

Operating Budget: Depending on Recreation Directors Salary the proposed operating budget for 2024 will be the same as 2023 with the exception of the salary increase for the Recreation directors' position. To be determine at the next Recreation Commission meeting.

Elevation survey of part of the Recreation facilities:

The commission reviewed a copy of the map of elevations. This is good information and the commission would like to thank the Foundation for this. It will be useful as the commission moves forward in it goal to address the Tennis/basketball courts and fencing. The commission reiterated the hope that the Foundation will review and consider the prioritized list the Commission sent them.

Director's report:

The report noted the overall cost of soccer has gone in the red for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The Recreation Commission needs to consider increasing the per youth cost for next season. Steve noted in his report several coaches have come back to coach for another year.

Steve is exploring other options for baseball for next year. He will report back asap.

Basketball signup will start November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Closing of the Recreation Facility: This took place on Saturday September 17, 2023. Luke Prince was called out but the volunteers completed this job. Thank you to Luke,

We still need to go out and take care of the benches and tables. We will do that as soon as something is organized.

The Commission has been trying to organize a thank you cook out for the many recreation volunteers. It is too late to get something going for 2023. October is already full of commitments and busy for many school parents. It was felt that a Spring gathering would be perfect. Date to be determined. Luke offered to do some pulled pork! Yum yum. At that time, we will recognize Mr. Small's 25 years as Recreation Director.

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The commission members present want to make sure we follow through with somehow getting out the information about the Recreation Director's job and many responsibilities.

At 7:013PM there being no further discussions the Commission adjourned.

Next meeting: October 23 at 6:00PM

To the best of my recollection,

Dina

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