

Parks and Recreation
April 23, 2020
Zoom Meeting - Everyone is at home

Present: Doug Thornton, Michelle Lauria, Bob O'Shea, Darren Magan, Steve Victorson

Meeting Minutes Approval - 4/2/2020 Michelle motioned to approve the April 2 minutes. Steve seconded. Passed 5-0.

Program Updates

Beach Operations

Summer planning - Doug gave an update of a meeting with Bob, Tim and the board of health. Plan for both scenarios. A beach with just guards or a beach with guards and lessons.

Board of health will look into how many kids per class. Can you have clusters of kids?

Without lessons can bills for guards be paid? Bob will cover this in budget.

Discussed what to do if beach gets shut down. Michelle suggested no lifeguards and swim at your own risk.

Bob brought up the concept of attractive nuisance.

Bob is uncomfortable to open without guards.

Will table and discuss this topic later.

Doug asked Bob about buoys that mark the rocks. They are always in place and marked.

Discussed lottery - Completed and all stickers mailed. 125 families were accommodated in the 102 racks.

Doug suggested that we open the kiosk May 4th and remind people to wipe things down. Bob motioned that we continue with the May 4th opening date to open the kiosk. Passed 4-0.

Fields and Commons

Subcommittee representative

Review Field Condition Assessment - Dan Daly presented the document and gave a background of the report and brought Darren up to date. Wants some feedback as to how it can and should be used moving forward. Darren questioned timing of the rating as to whether it was done at the beginning or end of a season. Darren noted that with the fields now closed, that they were going to be in good shape. Michelle asked that Darren stay in close communication with DPW. Dan noted that suddenly DPW decided to do this work and wanted to make sure that things are kept organized and done in writing.

Darren asked what to do with the left over 2100.00 from Tim K.'s money

Bob suggested that we potentially use that money to purchase fertilizer and lyme or to perhaps put a scope into the drainage systems of some of the fields.

Bob - Let's get Tim K. Back on board doing the normal maintenance.

Darren will put together a short maintenance list.

Discussed field refund request

Bob read to the board the stated cancellation policy on the Civic Rec. site.
Will discuss a revised refund policy starting next year.
Steve suggested that we have fixed costs that should be figured into a future cancellation policy.

Define actions for Final Report

Budget Updates

Bob reviewed the budget and a new easy to read format.
Roughly 10k for Darren to spend before the end of June. 4700.00 of which could be swept.
Discussed how to spend this money.
Doug reminded everyone that this was the commons money and could be used in multiple places.
Darren asked where are the town officials to fix problems? We have identified an issue and why can't the town then do the work. They are the experts and they are the ones getting paid. We have the money.
Bob asked that all bills go to Parks and Rec. not to the Beach Director.
Discussed that Allie is not supposed to do any work. We need to keep an eye on this as she does need to start with the preparation.
Will decide the beach hiring situation at the next meeting.

CivicRec Overview - Will do next meeting.

Public Communications

Commissions Responsibilities and Reorganization - Will cover next meeting.

Events Requests and New Business

Discussed a better way to keep track of action items.

Next Meeting: May 4th

Motion to adjourn -