

Recreation Advisory Board Minutes 4/21/2022

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2022 MAY 20 9:19 AM

In-Person and Virtually Held Meeting
Called to Order at: 6:03 PM

Attendees: Tracy Murphy, Anne Sigsbee, Sharon Basso, Joan Francolini, Carol Counihan

Recreation Director - Alan Harrison

Public Comment: no comments

Approve Minutes of March meeting:

Anne 1st, Sharon 2nd – unanimously approved

Director's Report: Submitted in advance, including registration numbers for programs

- Easter Egg Hunt: Went very well. Putnum was a great place for the event and for future events.
- June 4th Event - Bike & Pedestrian committee connected with Alan and they will have space at the event.
- Summer Program - Many programs are in the works. Final activities pending hiring of part-time Assistant. Job description was finalized and is in the hands of the town administrator. Applicants have already been interviewed for other staff positions, many staff members are coming back from previous years. Summer program sign-up will be in place the first week of May. Town calendar has some programs already listed.
- Adult Programs - Provided information to Judi Wilson to put in the COA newsletter.

Warrant Articles for May meeting:

- Revolving Fund Article

Action Item: Alan to let us know if we should speak up at the Town Meeting.

- Fee Increase for Adults from \$15 to \$30. This increase was not approved by RAC or the Director.
 - Anne, we need to discuss REC being a town resource not an enterprise zone.

Anne Motion - RAC to write a letter to the Select Board, that the proposed fee increase for adult programs, article 67 in the warrant, came to our attention too late to challenge. The increase was not advised by our committee. Letter to state that chain of communication is broken, lack of administration understanding of process and implications for increase.

Sharon Amended motion to include - Residents are now paying the same as non-residents and costs are not justified based on current programming. RAC does not support the fee increase. Her example of an 8 week tennis course in 2021 that cost \$15 will now cost \$60, as the course for 2022 is set up as two separate 4 week courses.

Sharon - 2nd motion.

Tracy - 2nd motion change from Sharon. Vote was unanimous

Action Steps: Anne will draft the letter, send it to Tracy and then it will be sent by the RAC committee

Michael Herman - Fee change was proposed by DPW.

Alan - Other towns charge more than \$30.

Discussed the need for a full review of the Adult Fees/Programs- residents/non-residents, towns, thoughtful discussion, COA charges. It will be a similar process to what was discussed for youth programs.

CPC Updates:

- Tracy - Master Plan on Eldredge – Ian Mack from OES Committee will be liaison for the project. Orleans Middle School Committee is on-board, but no liaison has been assigned.
 - Anne - Plans have to include maintenance. Example given about Boland Pond, and all the work was lost.
- Pickleball Courts - only one bid on the project that was much higher in cost than what was approved.

Action Steps: Alan to ask Ron Collins for an update and will send an email to RAC.

Community Center Task Force Update:

- Tracy stated that a lot of information is up on the website. Survey is going out in late April, with a deadline of May 12th.

Future Agenda Items:

- June 4th Event
- Community Center Update
- Communication with Select Board, Town Management
- Warrant Articles, Fees and Fee Waivers - to plan for the fall.

Motion to adjourn – Sharon 1st/ Tracy 2nd motion - unanimously 7:04pm

Next meeting – May 19th, 6:00pm