

Recreation Advisory Board Minutes 5/19/2022

In-Person and Virtually Held Meeting

Called to Order at: 6:03 PM

Attendees: Tracy Murphy, Anne Sigsbee, Sharon Basso, Joan Francolini, Chad Small, Kyle Wibbly - arrived 6:06, Morgan Stewart - arrived at 6:18pm

Recreation Director - Alan Harrison

Select Board - Meff Runyon

Public Comment: no comments

Approve Minutes of April meeting:

Sharon 1st, Chad 2nd – approved 5-0 (Tracy, Anne, Sharon, Joan, Chad)

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

- Tracy inquired about the opportunity to add basketball for middle school students to the summer program, to keep it consistent with last year. Alan said there was the possibility of adding middle school basketball to this summer's offerings.

Action Item: Alan to update RAC at the next meeting

- Anne asked about new programs that could be added upon hiring of the Coordinator Position. Alan replied that once the person is added, they will then decide what activities would be added. Will have hands on with young kids, potentially middle and high school, potentially some adult activities.
- Meff - One specific item was expected from hiring the Coordinator, and that was the two weeks in the summer that was not covered. Meff asked Alan to check in with Nate, Tom or John Kelly.

Action Item: Alan to follow-up on Meff's request

- Per Alan the new position timeline: interviews wrapped up by Monday. Possibly starting the next two weeks.
- The High School Gym will be undergoing renovation this year and thus the Middle School Gym's availability might be limited. Alan will be in continued discussion with the schools on the situation.

Town Meeting Update:

- Fee increase for Youth Residents of \$30 was a mistake in the last warrant, Alan changed the fees back to \$15
- Sharon - the program was now split into two weeks vs four weeks. So the fee is now \$30 vs \$15, semantics - as the fees are now increased. Alan stated that he needed the fees to be consistent by class.
- Meff, reviewing fees and recommending any changes for the town vote should be in the normal budget process, which is ahead of the May meeting. Pick a date to get into the normal budget

Plan on fee discussion for October or November, so that the increase can be voted on by the town.

- Anne - proposed a committee between COA/RAC/REC on fees.
- Kyle - explore what other towns are offering, how can we make recommendations on what can make the department better. Supporter of the Recreation Department.
 - Help develop policies, fee structure, focus energy on higher level initiatives to be adopted
- Anne - the November recommendations took a long time to figure out, did a lot of research on what other towns charged and what was realistic.
- Alan - Looking at programs with faults, need to look at the facts that we had three pickleball ball sections, all three maxed out. TBall Program - monday night 19 kids, Softball for Girls grades 2-3 - only two towns with girls that want to play, Grades 4/5/6 softball - kids not playing softball, 21 kids playing. Early Bird Fitness - 30 people, Youth Tennis - Maxed out. Eastham & Wellfleet are not running swimming this summer, Orleans is offering swimming.

- Meff - Expects the process of the consultant to be done by Sept/Oct.

CPC Updates:

- Pickleball Courts - DPW is going to construct the pickleball courts themselves, timing tbd - need the right weather conditions.
- Kayak Racks - Policy to Nate in Oct/Nov, will be included in Mooring Fee paperwork that goes out in March. Legal help in setting up a 501 C3.
Action Item: Joan to check with Walter and Mike Ford if CPC funds can be used for this purpose.

Community Center Task Force Update:

- 382 responses
- Big cost is the indoor gym. Schools are using their gyms, so gyms might be included.
- Chad asked a question about the Legion Hall building. Per Meff, the building is filled with storage, CHO has expressed use of the building. Lyching field is under parking lot, sewers would be a benefit.

June 4th Event:

- Per Alan, he had scheduled a few events - a few activities, a yoga class, a fitness class, all the facilities were booked. Seemed to be more adult focused. Alan - now saying he can't give a free class, so not sure the event will happen. Sharon asked about the Family Fun Day, as it now seemed like it was for adults only. Alan responded that it was called Family Day, but did not want to bring in a lot of new people. But all the activities mentioned were for adults.
- The event is two weeks away and no notice has gone out. The committee is supportive of a free morning of events, but confused on the status of the program.
- Morgan encouraged Alan to follow-through with the event.

Other Topic:

- Tracy filled in the team on how Brewster is outsourcing to community partners. Build relationships with businesses and offering more ideas

Future Agenda Items:

- Come up with Big Topics we need to understand, comprehensive look at other towns:
 - Eastham Rec absorbed after school programs
 - Identify partners
- Set objectives, strategies and tactics for Recreation overall
- Set policies, fees

- Alan, could you find out about Tennis Courts being repaired this summer.

Motion to adjourn – Kyle 1st/ Sharon 2nd motion - unanimously 7:16pm

Next meeting – June 6:00pm