

Recreation Committee
April 27, 2021
4:00PM, Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance: MaryLou Volpe (MV), Kadion Phillips (KP), Juliana Kuszewski (JK), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Jeff Shapiro (JS) arrived at 4:40 PM

Members Absent: Cindy Forgit (CF),

Others in Attendance: Alex McConnon BOS Executive Assistant

OPENING OF MEETING: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Recreation Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The meeting was opened at 4:16 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
3-31-21 Tabled to May meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer Program Updates. AR shared that Summer Program dates will run June 28th through August 19th, 8 weeks as usual but unable to schedule 9 weeks due to school snow day. Mini Program, ages 3-6 will be offered for two weeks, July 26 and August 2nd. AR shared that we are still accepting Lifeguard applications.

2. Memorial Request at Cedar Rec Courts. AR shared a letter received from J. Lindgren for the Committee's consideration. MV shared that the Committee has received requests like this in the past, and as much as she respects the request she does not believe it's in the best interest of the Rec Area and those who have been declined in the past. KP agreed with MV and suggested tabling this discussion to the May meeting when a full Board will be present. **MV made a motion to table this further discussion until a full Board is present, seconded by KP. Vote 3-0. 2 Absent.**

3. Exemption Form G.L. c. 268A, § 19. AR has presented Exemption Form 19 from State Ethics to the Recreation Committee for their consideration and approval. This exemption form is in regards to a committee member's child who has inquired on seasonal employment. AR shared that she contacted the Finance Department who directed her to review with State Ethics in regards to any conflict of interest. A disclosure form is recommended by the State. The Recreation Director should complete Exemption Form 19, prior to reviewing any applications received and prior to participating in the hiring process. The Rec Committee would need to approve the exemption form, and confirm that the Recreation Director does not have a financial interest by hiring that individual. For the committee member/parent there is not an exemption form, but said member must abstain from voting in hiring conversations. That member is not on tonight's phone call, but would have abstained from the vote. Lastly, if said application was qualified and hired the State recommends filing a second Exemption Form 19 to perform as the child's supervisor. The first one Exemption Form is to participate in the hiring process,

and the second is to actually act as the child's supervisor. MV stated she has no problem with the Exemption Form Requests. **MV made a motion to accept the Exemption Forms, seconded by KP. Vote 3-0. 2 Absent.**

4. Request from SGSL to upgrade infield. Tabled to future meeting, postponing project until fall.

5. Community Service Hours. AR reviewed the ongoing vandalism at Cedar Rec Area and the information sent to Committee members on the two individuals who have taken responsibilities for the damage. The Committee members received apologies letters from two individuals. Next is for Recreation Committee to set required amount of Committee Service Hours. JS arrived at 4:40 PM and abstained. **MV made a motion to allocate 24 community service hours per individual, seconded by KP. Vote 3-0, 1 Abstained, 1 Absent.**

OLD BUSINESS

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. Private Rental, Cedar Recreation Area, 5/1/21, 1:00 PM, Birthday Party.
2. Joshua Hyde Library, Town Common, Tuesdays 7/6-8/11, 9:00-12:00, Story Time.
3. Joshua Hyde Library, Town Common, Saturday 7/10/21, 10:00-2:00 PM, Picnic
4. Joshua Hyde Library, Town Common, Wednesday 6/30/21, Puppet Band Concert
5. Joshua Hyde Library, Town Common, Wednesday 8/11/21, 1:00-4:00 PM, Disc Dog
6. Federated Church, Town Common, Saturday 8/14/21, 7:00-3:00 PM, 71st Antique Auction

KP made a motion to accept all April requests as received, seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

MV made a motion to allow Recreation Director to sign approval for property usage request forms. Seconded by KP. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: KP made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:49 PM. Seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: May 22, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director