

Recreation Committee

June 22, 2021

4:00PM, Town Hall

Members in Attendance: MaryLou Volpe (MV), Juliana Kuszewski (JK), Jeff Shapiro (JS), Cindy Forgit (CF), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Members Absent: Kadion Phillips (KP)

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 4:104 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

5-11-21 Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Update on Concerts and Summer Programs.** AR provided the Committee with full food truck vendor schedule and an update that Beer Vendor Greater Good has submitted their application to the Sturbridge Police Chief. AR shared that there are currently 75 registered for Summer Recreation, program begins Monday 6/28.
- 2. Discussion on Color of Pickleball Lines, Cedar Rec Courts. Recreation Committee revisited the request** of changing Pickleball lines (will be on both courts ultimately) to light blue now that repairs are underway. The courts are currently yellow. Pickleball has been asked to share any comments if opposed and has stated that they are not opposed to changing the PB lines to a different color.
MV made a motion clarify the specific shade of light blue with Sturbridge Pickleball to move forward. Seconded by CF. 4-0.
- 3. Annual League Funding Warrant. AR reviewed** excel spread sheet for annual funding break down. Funding allocations are pending invoices for reimbursement only, stipends not permitted for leagues who were unable to play due to COVID. Sturbridge Girls Softball with 130 players was allocated up to \$1,653.40, Sturbridge Rec Soccer with 260 registered allocated up to \$3,304.60, and Sturbridge Little League with 200 players was allocated up to \$2,542.00.
JK made a motion to approve 2021 League Funding Requests, seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.
- 4. Request for Beer Vendor- Concert Series. Reviewed above.**
- 5. New Event, Fall Town Wide Yard Sale.** AR provided 2021 Town Calendar of events and suggested date of Sat and Sun 9/18 and 19th due to fall schedule of activities. AR stated this event is for residents and nonprofits only, as local businesses would require a different permit.

MV made a motion to host the Town Wide Yard Sale on 9/18 and 9/19, 8:00-3:00 PM. Seconded by JS. Vote 4-0.

6. **New Program Continued, Fall Fun Series- Saturdays.** AR shared that one fall trail walk with FRoST for "Walktober" with LGV has been scheduled. AR hopes to host more classes similar to spring session, a variety of local businesses.
7. **2021 Fall Bonfire.** AR shared that Special Events Committee has transferred the Bonfire to Rec Dept. AR has asked for verification that allocated funding was included. Fall Date TBD pending Tantasqua fall schedule of activities. This is a week night 4 hour event typically, AR will contact band from prior years that provided 2 hour cost for 4 hour performance.
8. **Review Dates for Annual Tree Lighting, Light Up Sturbridge 2021.** AR reviewed the 2nd Annual L.U.S schedule;
Register by 11/29
Week 1- December 3,4,5
Week 2- December 10, 11, 12
Week 3- December 17, 18, 19
Votes due by 12/20
Winners announced by 12/23
Categories-
Trad/Classic- greens, soft lights, no inflatables.
Holiday Spirit- Typical Holiday Decorations
Go Big or Go Home- Holiday Spirit maxed out! Over the top
Best of Sturbridge Businesses
9. **Survey to Vendors on 2022 Spring Ice Cream Tasting.** Many thanks to JS and his wife for preparing the following list. AR aims to send a survey by mid/end summer on who may be interested in a Spring Ice Cream Tasting on the Town Common. Target Date is Saturday following last day of school.
Ice cream event:
*Westview Farms Creamery (Monson) - homemade
*Dresser Hill? (Charlton)/Clam Box (Brookfield) -
*Howard's Drive In (W. Brookfield) -
*Buck's Soft Serve (Woodstock, CT) -
*Holland's Maine Attraction (Holland) - Giffords
*Ice Cream Pharm (Dudley) - homemade
*Friendly's - "homemade"
*Janine's Frostee (Ware)
*Ronnies (Auburn/Charlton) -
*Riverview Ice Cream (Putnam, CT) -
*Ice Cream Depot (Stafford Springs, CT) -
*Christopher's Homemade Ice Cream (Millbury) - name says "homemade"
*Froze Zone (W Boylston/Worcester) -
*Alvin Rondeau's Dairy Bar (Palmer) -
*Madulka's Ice Cream (Worcester) -
*Meola's (W Boylston) -
*Ice Cream Lady (Douglas) -
*We-Li-Kit Ice Cream (Pomfret, CT) - homemade
*Collins Creamery (Enfield, CT) - homemade
*Kloter's Ice Cream Barn (Ellington, CT) -
*The Scoop (Ellington, CT) - homemade, natural, non-GMO
*Elsie's Creamery at Randall's Farm (Ludlow) - homemade

10. 2021 Summer Recreation Program. AR reviewed staffing recommendation provided by herself and Summer Rec Coordinator. AR recommended to hire all returning staff, two lifeguard subs, and four summer counselor subs based on applications and interviews.
MV made a motion to accept the staffing recommendation, seconded by JK. Vote 3-0, 1 abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. Town Common, Saturday June 26, 2021. House of Destiny Ministries, Concert.
2. Town Common, Saturday Mornings (see scheduled), Emily Louise Yoga.
3. Town Common, Tuesday June 22nd, 5:30-8:30, Girl Scouts.
4. Cedar Lake, August 21, 2021, Day-Dusk, Brunell Private Party.

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

CF left at 5:11 PM

ADJOURNMENT: MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:23 PM. Seconded by JK. Vote 3-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: July 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director