

Recreation Committee

April 27, 2022

4:00PM, Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Jeff Shapiro

Others in Attendance:

OPENING OF MEETING MV made a motion to open meeting at 4:05 PM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 3-30-22 MV made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by JK. 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Recreation Committee welcomed Josh Cottone to his first meeting as a Committee member.
2. **Discussions for Summer Recreation Program**
 - a. **Program attendee applications now available on Town website.** AR shared that registration is now open; program begins Monday June 27 2022 and will run for 8 weeks. There will be two weeks of the Mini Rec Program. The regular program runs from 8:00-2:00 PM. AR shared that currently two field trips are scheduled, Interskate and Lupa Zoo. Educational Programs will return to Rec as well, so far Out of the Ark is scheduled for both regular program and mini program. There is no cost increase for registration in 2022.
 - b. **Review schedule, staffing, field trips.** AR provided an update on current staffing, all but two will be returning to their seasonal positions in 2022. AR congratulates the two staff not returning on new employment opportunities as they enter their careers. The position of seasonal playleaders were advertised in the paper and online. After reviewing with Summer Program Coordinator Genny Pacitti (GP), AR and GP presented the following staff recommendations;
 - i. Retain employment for all current Staff of Summer Recreation Program
 - ii. Hire Andrew Campiglio and Carrie Nollstadt for Seasonal Playleaders
 - iii. Hire Claire Rogers, Christina Ghantous and Emma Quinn for Substitute positions.**MV made a motion to accept and support Staff Recommendations and to hire the personnel referenced above, seconded by JK. Vote 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Soil Testing Proposals.** No changes at this time.
2. **Update Spring Programs**
 - a. **Free Fun Series, began April 2 2022**
 - b. **Spring Bonfire, April 30 2022, 5:00-9:00 PM Town Common.** AR confirmed that vendors attending will be the following; Greater Good, DogFather Food Truck, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Melissa Flaherty Cakes, and Food Combi Crepe Wagon. The event will feature Live Music by Sunshine & Blue Skies Band as well as face painting by Maggie the Clown. JK committed to running the Arts and Crafts table from 5:00-7:00PM.
3. **Update on Summer Programs**
 - a. **Last Day of School party with Sturbridge Police Department.** AR shared that she will be meeting with the School Resource Officers again next week to continue planning and the event is tentatively scheduled for Friday June 17, 2022.
 - b. **Summer Concert Series.** AR informed the Committee that flyers and magnets have been ordered through Kerrin Graphics.

- c. **Outdoor Basketball Leagues.** Both leagues, Ages 21+ and Young Adults 14-21 begin in early June. The leagues play on Wednesday and Thursday nights in June and July. AR will be posting a job advertisement for Program Referees.

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. Sturbridge Town Common, National Night Out with SPD, August 2 2022.

MV made a motion to accept National Night Out usage request, seconded by KP. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:47 PM. Seconded by JC. Vote 4-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: May 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director