

Recreation Committee
September 28, 2022
4:00PM, Town Hall

Members in Attendance: MaryLou Volpe (MV), Juliana Kuszewski (JK), Josh Cottone (JC), Jeff Shapiro (JS), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Members Absent: Kadion Phillips

Others in Attendance:

OPENING OF MEETING MV made a motion to open meeting at 4:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 8-3-22 MV made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by JK. Vote 3-0.

JS arrived at 4:05 PM

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Fall Events; Yard Sale, Free Fun Series, Bonfire, Spooky Nights.** AR stated that the second annual Town Wide Yard Sale was successful with 57 registrations for 2022. The Committee reviewed an email from the Stedman Family which thanked the Committee was hosting this yard sale event and shared they have had two very successful years. We thank the Stedman Family for their kind words!
The Fall Free Fun Series is approaching the final class and offered a variety of classes once again; Guided Trail Walks with FroST, Intro to Pickleball, Intro to Square-dancing, and Functional Fitness. The Fall Bonfire is Saturday Oct 22, from 5:00-9:00PM and will feature the following vendors; The Dogfather, Roadside Delights, West Wind Farm, Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company, Brimfield Winery, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Melissa Flaherty Cakes, Escape the Pike, Sturbridge Cooperative Nursery School, Lulus Accessories, The Thrifty Gypsy, Petals and Loops Designs, Boy Scouts Snack Table. The event will also feature Sunshine and Blues Skies Band, Face Painting by Maggie the Clown (5-7:00PM, sponsored by Rec), Kids Craft Table (5-7:00PM, sponsored by Rec). Many thanks to the Boy Scouts for building and feeding the fire annually!
The First Annual Spooky Nights, a Halloween Decorating Contest, is also fast approaching! Registration closes 10/21, and the contest takes place 10/28-11/1/22. Voting will take place online, a list of addresses and road map will be provided to the public.
- 2. Winter Events; Tree Lighting Ceremony, Light Up Sturbridge, NYC Bus Trip.** The Recreation Director has been planning the fall Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday November 25, 2022 from 6:00-8:00PM. The Rec Committee agreed unanimously on the Coloring Contest image for 2022. The event will once again feature Santa, Tree Lighting, Carols, Announcement of Coloring Contest Winners, DJ Music Matters, and Balloons by Holly the Elf. AR has confirmed the Publick House and Hearthstone Market will both be returning. AR is hopeful the Tantasqua Choraleers and possible Show Choir will attend the event as well. The Third Annual Light Up Sturbridge will take place on the three weekends leading to Christmas. Registration for this event will open November 1, 2022.
The NYC Holiday Shopping Trip has returned. There are two buses scheduled for December 10, 2022. The Recreation Committee thanks Lynne Girouard for volunteering to run the second bus while the Rec Director attends the first. We appreciate the help!
- 3. Flowerbed Project at Rec, Girl Scout Silver Award, Completed!** The Recreation Committee extends their gratitude and praise to Girl Scout Alana W. for her completion of this project. Alana created a new bench featuring a planter filled with flowers, providing a new focal point at the Cedar Recreation Area. Great job Alana and Team!
- 4. Update on Field Discussions with Burgess Elementary.** The Recreation Director and Town Administrator have met with Burgess officials to review the concept of converting their existing

multiuse field, the upper field adjunct to parking lot, to turf material. This would provide the first official multiuse field in Town, designed to withstand the use required by our Football, Soccer, Baseball and Softball Leagues. While there is no Fall Town Meeting scheduled at this time, the Recreation Director will be meeting with McClure Engineering and the Burgess Team as soon as possible to begin reviewing this concept and requesting an estimate on design. AR shared she will also request use of ARPA funding should it become available.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Soil Testing Project.** DPW Director has worked with Recreation Department and Town Administrator to develop the scope of work for this project. Recreation Department will be meeting with DPW on 9/30 to review next steps and timeline for requesting quotes. Recreation Department has once again requested ARPA funding for this project. The official requests for ARPA projects has not been released, a timeline is not available yet.
2. **Flowerbed Project at Rec, Girl Scout Silver Award, Completed.** See new business.
3. **Indoor Adult Leagues remind on hold due to facility closure.** Recreation Director continues to look for alternative locations and has requested a joint league with Southbridge Recreation. Once Town insurance certificates are received for FY23, Director will apply for their facility usage.

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. Town Common, Harvest Festival, Chamber of Commerce, October 15th, 16th
2. Town Common, Faith and Blue, Police Department, October 8th

JS made a motion to accept October usage requests, seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:59 PM. Seconded by JS. Vote 4-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: October 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director