

Recreation Committee

January 11, 2023

4:00PM, Town Hall

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

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

OPENING OF MEETING MV made a motion to open meeting at 4:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 11-23-22. KP made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by MV. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Nomination letters for Town Elections due February 17, 2023.** AR reminded Committee members of the deadline approaching to pull and return papers if up for re-election.
2. **Sturbridge Winter Outing January 28, 2023.** Lighted night time skating event on the Common in partnership with Sturbridge Fire Department featuring hot chocolate station and make your own s'mores station donated by Southbridge Credit Union. Event is weather pending as the rink is not frozen yet.
3. **Adult Leagues 2023, Basketball begins January 13, Volleyball begins March 6.** Registration is open. Thank you to Sturbridge Youth Basketball for sharing their gym space at the Junior High on Fridays for the adult basketball league. Leagues will play at the High School in March.
4. **Day Trip to Museum of Science February 23, 2023.** Registration is open.
5. **Spring Bonfire April 29, 2023.** AR is working to coordinate music, vendors, fire, and activities. AR presented the contract from Sunshine and Blue Skies Band and hopes to confirm food vendors at February meeting.
6. **NYC Spring Trip May 6, 2023.** Registration is open.
7. **Spring Free Fun Series, Saturdays in May.** This year's spring series will feature; May 13- Functional Fitness with Flow Fitness, May 20- Guided Trail Walk with FroST, May 27- Intro to Pickleball with Sturbridge Pickleball, June 3- Guided Trail Walk with FroST. Thank you to these local organizations for their partnerships.
8. **2023 Concert Series.** AR shared the proposed line up; Music Matters (Top 40's), Southern Voice Band (country), The Kenn More Band (original folk), Looney Tunes (party rock), Uncle Sam's Jazz Band (patriotic), The Deloreans (70's & 80's), Tequila Bonfire (modern country), Abletones (big band), Island Castaways (tropical rock), Axis (classic rock), Holdin' Back the 60's (60's music). Contracts and sponsors will be reviewed at the February meeting. AR is working on scheduling food trucks for the series.
9. **Summer Recreation Program discussion with Board of Health.** AR reviewed her meeting with BOH Agent Ken Lacey to discuss Summer Rec Program. BOH has requested no field trips during the Summer Rec Program to stay in line with Summer Program regulations, or convert to a licensed camp with a medical nurse to continue scheduling field trips. MV and JS discussed the need to stay as a low cost summer program that is affordable, all members agreed. AR confirmed that a variety of day programs will continue to be brought in to the program.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. Sturbridge Herb Fest, Town Common, September 30 2023.
2. Southbridge Garden Club, Town Common, May 20, 2023.

MV made a motion to accept January usage requests, seconded by JK. Vote 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:18 PM. Seconded by KP. Vote 5-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: February 15, 2023 at 4:00PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director**