

Recreation Committee
February 15, 2023
4:00PM, Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Juliana Kuszewski, Kadion Phillips

Others in Attendance:

OPENING OF MEETING MV made a motion to open meeting at 4:02 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 1-11-23. MV made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by JC. Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2023 League Funding due 3/3/23.** Documents for funding requests and field usage have been sent to Youth Sport Leagues. Funding requests are expected to be completed in April pending submissions.
2. **Pickleball Lines at Cedar Rec, repaint faded blue lines back to yellow.** AR reviewed history of the Pickleball lines which started as yellow then were changed to light blue to accommodate requests of local tennis players. The light blue has faded significantly and AR asked the Committee to consider repainting the lines back to a yellow shade that will last. MV stated she supports the brighter color, that yellow worked well and we tried to accommodate with another color. The Committee agreed. **MV made a motion to repaint the faded lines to yellow, seconded by JS. Vote 3-0.**
3. **Sturbridge Night with WooSox to benefit Sturbridge Little League.** AR has been working with the WooSox to develop our first Sturbridge Night on Tuesday August 15, 2023. Five dollars per ticket sold will be donated back to the Little League. The event will feature SLL and Sturbridge Town Administrator has agreed to be interviewed at the game. This event is open to all residents and guests.
4. **Discussion of Turners Field for non-baseball usage.** Pending field conditions, **MV made a motion to postpone discussions on Turners Field until March or April meeting, seconded by JC. Vote 3-0.**
5. **Request from Council on Aging to place a tent on the Common June-October for activities during their moving period.** The tent will be placed near the evergreen tree, close to the front corner of the Common. **MV made a motion to grant the request, seconded by JS. Vote 3-0.**
6. **Review status of ARPA Funding Requests.** ARPA has approved the funding to complete design services for both the Accessibility Project at 60 Cedar St and design services for a Turf Field at Burgess Elementary School.
7. **Review Annual Town Report.** MV stated an excellent job was done on the report.
8. **Fitness Class offering for Town Employees funded by MIIA.** Rec Dept has partnered with Flow Fitness to host a functional fitness series for Town Employees and their families. Classes will be at Noon on Fridays in May, located at the Council on Aging.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Nomination letters for Town Elections due February 17, 2023**
2. **Adult Leagues 2023, Basketball began January 13, Volleyball begins March 6.** Registration numbers continue to be high.
3. **Day Trip to Museum of Science February 23, 2023**
4. **Spring Bonfire April 29, 2023.** Vendors to include Greater Good Brewing, Brimfield Winery, The DogFather, Roadside Delights, BT's Smokehouse, Melissa Flaherty Cakes, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Maggie the Clown with Face Painting. AR is working to find additional craft vendors.
5. **NYC Spring Trip May 6, 2023.** Limited seats still available.

6. **Spring Free Fun Series, Saturdays in May.** No changes to schedule at this time.
7. **2023 Concert Series.** All contracts but one have been returned to the Rec Dept and signed.

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. Sturbridge Lions Club, Turners Field, April 30, 2023. **MV made a motion to accept the usage request, seconded by JS. Vote 3-0.**

ADJOURNMENT: MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:02 PM. Seconded by JC. Vote 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director