Morris Beach and Recreation Commission Special Meeting

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Tuesday, March 3, 2020 / Morris Senior Center

This is a special meeting since prior meetings needed to be rescheduled due to illnesses resulting in lack of quorum.

Attendance: Kristen Davila, Jessica Souza, Stephanie Paletsky, Kathleen Bugnacki, Lisa Harrison, Jamie Kepler and Paul Adams. Absent: Kelly Taylor.

Meeting called to order by Lisa Harrison at 7:10 p.m.

Motion was made approving last meeting minutes from Jan. 21 meeting.

Treasurer’s report: Not available.

Correspondence: Litchfield Hills Youth Lacrosse and CT Rush Soccer paid for field use for Spring 2020 and was approved by the Commission.

Old Business:

1. Comedy night was a successful, sold-out event.
2. Red Cross Babysitting course is scheduled for Sunday, March 15. Space is still available.
3. Halloween Ball with Litchfield Jr. Women’s Club is set for Friday, Oct. 30, 2020 at the Bantam Fire House, for a rental and cleaning fee of $250.00. The band will be The Future Heavies for a cost of $800. The event will be a bring your own food and beverage event. Beach and Rec will have snacks available. Additional planning and details to be revisited closer to event date.
4. WMG Recreation: the CRPA Hot Shots contest was Feb. 23. This is a collaborative effort between Warren, Morris and Goshen recreation directors. Goshen utilizes a MyRec.com software that the commission would like to explore purchasing for Morris.

New Business:

1. The Commission reviewed the Beach and Recreation ordinances. Motions were made an approved to:

Changed (A-4) the agent for the town will be called the Activities director from this point forward.

Changed (B) the terms of Beach and Rec commission members will be reduced from 5 years to 3 years. The commission will remain 7 members but add two alternate members. The addition of alternates will add more support to town sponsored activities.

Omit statement (C-13) regarding motor craft operation at the beach. This is because there is no means to monitor or govern this action so statement should be removed.

1. A motion was made for Beach and Rec to relinquish its rights to the Harry Weik Recreation Area so that the property could be used by the Town for a solar array. The motion was made but not supported in a vote (2 in favor, 3 opposed). Commission members agreed more time was needed to give due consideration to the proposal. This will be put to another vote at next commission meeting.
2. MTB will have a designated swim area that will be sectioned off by buoys. This is supported by commission.
3. A motion was made and approved to authorize up to $1000 to purchase materials to build an outdoor kiosk at the town beach.
4. Whittlesey-Harrison Sign at MTB needs to be replaced and a price needs to be established.
5. A fund raising calendar for 2021 of photos of our community is supported but is tabled for a future meeting.
6. WMG Rec is having a family trivia night at the Wamogo Café at 6 pm on Saturday, March 28. The fee is $25 per family and includes dinner (pizza). This is expected to be a break even event but if there is a profit it will be split among the three participating towns.
7. The Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 11 at the beach rain or shine. It is a K-6 event. It will be at 11 am. Flanders will be asked to come back with the bunnies since that was a hit last year.
8. Earth Day clean up is April 22.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm by Lisa Harrison, Chairman.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Kathy Bugnacki, Secretary.