

Sandy Beach Commission
Minutes
May 20, 2021

Present: Ed Ryle, Chair, Tom Mathews, Jenn Parsons, Denise Parker, Terry Conner, Karen Brady, Connie Gillman, Corinne Houle, Todd Dyer, Beach Manager.

Absent: Pam Wray, Andy Parker

The meeting was called to order @ 6:12 PM.

Move to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting: Karen Brady, second: Terry Conner. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Cash balance: \$18,073.08.

Correspondence: Correspondence was received from the Washington Parks and Recreation Department requesting resuming their weekly visits. The Bantam Lake Charters is ready to resume their programs. Denise Raap sent an email with questions regarding beach fees and funding.

● **Old Business:**

- Restoration project: The existing tree on the beach is an oak. Jenn Parsons contacted Michael Berry of the White Memorial Foundation. They will provide an additional tree for the beach this fall. Karen Brady will bring plantings for the beach. SBC members will plant flowers in the barrels. Jenn Parsons contacted TAHD regarding cooking at the beach. They have significant requirements for cooking and grilling inside the concession stand. The Commission will continue to provide prepackaged snacks, drinks and ice cream this season. Visiting concession/snack trucks is a possibility. Separation of the food area was discussed. Cases for food storage were researched. Moved by Corinne Houle, second by Karen Brady: to move forward with the plan to partition off the food sales area. All in favor. Pricing for windows for the snack building will be investigated.

● **New Business:**

- Beach Manager update - Beach passes were ordered. Staffing for the 2021 season is in place. Todd Dyer will update the brochure for the 2021 season now that new COVID rules are in place. Beach pass applications will be taken to the Town Halls now that they are open to the public again. Kayak rental, registration, swim lesson forms and the season calendar have been updated. The Town of Litchfield raked the beach. Work days for beach cleanup have been scheduled. Patrons have already shown interest in kayak storage. Work on the storage in the old snack shack could happen during the season. Terry Conner will remove the rocks in the next week. New picnic tables and kayak racks will be in place for the season start. New lifeguard safety equipment was ordered.
- The beach will be open weekends starting Memorial Day weekend. The beach will be open daily starting June 20th. Swim sessions: Session I: June 28-July 9, Session II: July 12-23, Session III: July 26-August 3. Swim lesson signups will be held June 5th and 19th. All current state Covid-19 protocols will be in place.
- Suggestion: Split rail fence to separate beach area. Moved by Karen Brady, second by Jenn Parsons to install a split rail fence to separate the swim area. All in favor.
- Park and Recreation - No visits are scheduled for this season for Morris and Litchfield.
- Ski Club dates: August 7th and 8th. Setup will occur Friday evening.
- Committees - Tentative Triathlon date: July 30th. A smaller, "barebones" fun race is being considered.

Move to adjourn: Terry Conner, second: Karen Brady. All in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 7:13.
The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 17th @ 6:00 PM at Sandy Beach.**

