

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting
March 15, 2021
Zoom Meeting

A. The meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Megan Nelson, Melissa Roy, Pam Welles and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance. Jon Sweeton was absent

B. There was no public input.

C. The January minutes were reviewed. Nora Bishop made the motion to accept, Melissa Roy seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all. The February minutes were reviewed. Megan Nelson made the motion to accept, Pam Welles seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

D. Correspondence

There was correspondence about camp week – MDC, Historical Society, school, camp staff and Shop Rite. There was also correspondence with ski club parents and emails promoting upcoming programs.

E. Old Business:

Ski Club- Director Carney-Bastrzycki reported the following: Ski club was a successful season in the pandemic. The Rec Ski Club was one of only 11 groups that had registered this year. It was a very busy and productive season. The volunteers were all great. Many thanks to Rejean Labrie, Shawn Smith, Caprice Shaw, Jessica Hinman, Julie Brotniki and all the parents that did stay at the program during this season each of the weeks during the pandemic. Charles Ahles also helped out a lot. There was an unfortunate incident on the last night of the program and one of our skiers got a broken leg and also one of the children who is not directly in our program but their parent is a chaperone had an incident on the last night. Sundown ski patrol helped out very well along with our chaperones and the Director who also helped with the families. It was very unfortunate but all in all the families seemed very happy about the ski program and being able to run it this year especially during the pandemic. The Director I followed up with both families after the incidents to check on the children. The

Donna made treat bags for the group. This year was more work with all the restrictions and procedures but worth it. Ski season planning for 2022 will already begin again in September.

F. New Business

Summer Camp dates will be July 26-July 30. Director Carney-Bastrzycki has created the flyer and reached out to the Historical Society, MDC, Peoples Forest. Director Carney-Bastrzycki is expecting new guidelines from the state by the end of this week on March 19 which will help in the design of the camp week. The Director will work with the camp staff to create the theme for the camp when the guidelines are released.

Director has created a new Google Doc for Summer Camp employment. The application deadline is Friday, April 2 or when positions are full. (Completed applications must be received by this date) and interviews will be held on Friday, April 9, 16 and Saturday, April 17th.

The Director has created Save the Date Flyer and the Jobs notice Flyer which are posted on the school and town websites along with on Facebook and will be included in a town wide email.

Easter Event- Planning for the Easter Event is underway. The Easter Event will be held in front of Town Hall on Saturday, April 3 from 2-4 p.m. Director ordered all items for the goody bags and will be purchasing the candy for the eggs. A date will be sent out to committee members about when the Director will be putting the goodies into the bags. Anyone who has time to help out filling bags and/or at the event, please let Donna know.

The Director created a new flyer and a Google Registration Document for registrations. So far, there are 27 families registered and she has been in contact with Ed Connors for the Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Mark Mahoney who will be the Easter Bunny again this year.

G. Upcoming Programs

In-person fitness programs with Robin Centrella may be offered in late spring or summer. She has room in her schedule for Tuesday and Thursday mornings and evenings.

The Director has reached out to the school to see if there is a possibility of being able to reserve the school for Pickleball on Wednesdays and potentially a class with Robin on Thursdays. If not able to use the school, she will reach out to Jim Warner at Peoples Forest to see if we can get the Pavilion.

The FRCC River Steward Hiring for summer of 2021 is also underway. If anyone knows any potential applicants, please encourage them to apply. The Summer Assistant River Stewards help at our summer camp and at other Recreation events throughout the summer.

Megan Nelson motioned to adjourn and Melissa Roy seconded the motion. All accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Nora Bishop