

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting 5/18/2020 Minutes

Meeting conducted virtually through Zoom – Peter Bakker Jr, Donna Carney-Bastrzycki, Pamela Welles, Deborah Simon in attendance. Nora Bishop, Jon Sweeton, Melissa Roy absent.

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM.

There was no public input.

Minutes reviewed from 3.16.20 meeting. Peter Bakker made a motion to accept same with two corrections- under Spring Karate “it” was inserted to read “however it was postponed” and under Earth Day a separate bullet point was inserted at “Rec donated a week” and “of summer camp” was inserted before “to the PTO”. Pam Welles second and was approved by all.

Correspondence:

Various contacts regarding postponements of Spring programs- karate, pickleball- participants for refunds or credits, volunteers. Summer Camp re employees. Easter Bunny Drive By and Virtual Egg Hunt. Mindful Movement instructor. Morsel Munk re paddle boarding. Shop Rite Nutritionist. Peoples Forest, MDC, Barkhamsted School, Barkhamsted First Selectman, Parent’s of Campers regarding Summer Camp.

Old Business:

Pickleball: Free Demo night went well and players were excited for upcoming program prior to postponement and cancellation. No players requested refunds.

Karate: Slated to start in April, postponed and then cancelled. Fees refunded. Instructor did not want to hold virtual class.

Easter Egg Virtual Hunt: Mailboxes, driveways, and house windows were decorated for two weeks. Prizes awarded from Town Hall.

Easter Bunny: Drive by stationed at Riverton Fire Dept with the Department’s help. Bunny stayed socially distant.

New Business:

Kindness Card Campaign: Kids are making cards or writing words of inspiration which are collected at Town Hall and distributed at Valerie Manor in Torrington.

Jr. River Ranger: Partnered with Rec. Dept., FRCC to encourage Kids to get out on the Farmington River and complete activities. If all are completed badge is awarded possibly at ceremony towards end of summer.

Summer Camp: Interviews for positions are ongoing w/10 applicants to date. Wacky Olympics was theme of camp. CT Health Dept. recs re Covid-19 being reviewed. 10 Camp participants families surveyed as to having Camp during pandemic-most want Camp. Decision n Camp needs to be made by second week of June.

Plant Based Nutrition Food Workshop was set for 6/9/20 and may now be a virtual program. Morsel Munk will not provide Paddle boarding program this summer due to pandemic. Mindful Movement may be offered as no cost virtual program with a flat fee of \$110 paid to instructor. Peter Bakker made a motion to offer a virtual Mindful Movement class for free to residents with the above payment to instructor. Pam Welles seconded and it was approved by all. Discussed a future Hike with a meet up after at the Riverton Inn. Director to research same.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm on a motion by Deb Simon.

Minutes submitted by Peter Bakker Jr.