

## Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting March 16, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Nora Bishop, Melissa Lynn, Deborah Simon, John Sweeton, Pam Welles and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance.

There was no public input. The 2/3/2020 minutes were reviewed, and Pam Welles made a motion to accept and Nora Bishop seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted. Motion to accept the 1/6/2020 minutes by Melissa Lynn and seconded by Donna Carney-Bastrzycki.

### Correspondence:

Correspondence has been received for the fall/winter programs. Correspondence with Ski Sundown during the program and follow-up after the program with the chaperones and volunteers. There was contact with Charlotte Silkey about Karate and upcoming spring programs. Information has been sent to the school and Ginny Apple about the spring programs and Earth Day. Registrations and applications have been received for summer camp and correspondence with the Camp Director/Arts Director continues for planning purposes. Mark Mahoney with the Economic Development Council was contacted about participating in Volunteer day on March 14, which had to be cancelled due to the COVID 19.

### Old Business:

- Ski Club - 19 registered and went very well. There had been a great deal of planning since September with all the involved parties – Ski Sundown, bus company, volunteers, as well as processing all the forms/payments, preparing folders for participants and volunteers. The program ran all the weeks in a row without any weather cancellations! Ski Sundown gave us five ski passes which were passed on to the parents that helped. We usually get fifteen passes and Donna will reach out to Ski Sundown in her review with them to ask if they would re-consider the minimum for the passes.
- Fall/Winter Pickleball had a great season. We had a total of 11 weeks and additional demo days and 33 people registered. There was an extra night reserved for cancellations and it ended up being a fun meetup night and lining the court. There was a birthday party for the fall/winter birthdays with some treats. Donna is expecting a very

large turnout for the Spring session; however, the program has been postponed due to the school closing. Don and Donna will offer refunds if folks want them.

- Spring Karate registrations have been received and processed, however is postponed at this time and refunds will be offered.

#### New Business:

- Easter Egg Hunt – Donna had started planning for the event however it has been cancelled as well.
- Earth Day – planning and advertising was underway. Program flyer included Save the Date for Summer Camp, the Earth Egg Hunt and Earth Day. Rec donated a week to the PTO for the Penny Auction. All programs have been cancelled for now. There was a suggestion about having a “plant a tree” event on the April 26 date.
- Since events with the COVID 19 have led to these postponements, Donna is looking at ideas around on-line virtual recreation/education for families and she will partner with the River Steward Team to encourage families to practice social distancing, have the River Ranger booklets available and offer incentives and on-line fun activities.
- Summer Camp – Donna is continuing with hiring and has already done interviews. Commission members are being asked to help get the word out for potential applicants for both summer camp and FRCC Summer Steward series. The deadline for camp applicants is 4/2/2020. Commission members reviewed the camp handouts.
- Donna will continue to do Town Calendar updates about program information as well as work on the website on the Town Page and the gallery, photos and slideshow.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Minutes submitted by Nora Bishop