Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting 5/20/19

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker, Jr., Pam Welles, Nora Bishop, Melissa Roy, Deborah Simon and Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki in attendance. Cara Nguyen absent.

There was no public input. Deborah Simon made a motion to accept the 4/15/19/ minutes and Pam Welles seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted. The February minutes were read and Melissa Roy made motion to accept and Nora Bishop accepted. Minutes were accepted.

Correspondence has been received regarding Summer Camp; Earth Day; school for flyers to update websites; Morsel Monk for paddleboarding; Police and Fire, Historical Society, FALPS, FRCC for summer camp; Mindful Movement, Nature Camp

Old Business:

- 1) Karate is still ongoing, one more session with 4 students and is going very well, brining in 15% revenue. Mindful Movement may do a Yoga by the River session. Spring Pickleball has been going well and still have one more session this week on wed May 22. We ran this newly added program for 16 weeks in addition to 2 free nights for a total of 18 weeks. In anticipation of the fall session, will consider offering a free session in September and October before the start of the 1st session. There was talk of a summer outside court, however no viable place was found and attendance was an issue due to summer schedules.
- 2) Summer Camp sign-ups are underway. Nature camp: Recreation Director Donna Bastrzycki recently was asked to meet with Selectmen Don Stein and Nature Camp Director, Molly-Sexton Reed regarding Nature camp. There still will be follow up with Selectmen Stein. At the meeting policy and structure of the camp were discussed. Director Carney-Bastrzycki asked commission members to share the camp information on social media. The hiring recommendations are with Don Stein and the current enrollment is 9. Orientation is scheduled for 7/11 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. July 8 is the date the items will be moved from the shed. Also, steward team interviews are complete and there were many good candidates.
- 3) Earth Day had a good turnout, even with the not so good weather. Thanks were given to Deborah and Pam for helping out. The lectures were well attended.

New Business:

- 1) Paddleboarding and Moonlight Canoe/Kayak are all set.
- 2) Supplies & Equipment for the fall/winter events will be start to be replenished. A motion to spend up to \$500 for supplies and equipment was made by Pam and seconded by Deborah. There was a discussion about buying t-shirts for staff and volunteers for events and will be discussed in greater detail at the June meeting.
- 3) 19-20 Programs Mindful Movement; Ski Club Meetings; the 10/25 Halloween Dance; two free Pickleball nights 9/19 & 10/19 with start dates of late October and January 8 week sessions; Karate begins on 10/19 and the Thanksgiving hike. There has been discussion of a theatre camp workshop.
- 4) Review of a request for baseball trips, however the costs are extremely high and not feasible at this time. The community garden has asked the rec commission to help support with funding and Peter will look into specifics of what is needed. There's an informal kickball activity on Tuesday nights at People's State Pavillion.

Motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Roy and seconded by Pam Welles.

Minutes submitted by Nora Bishop, Secretary