

**Falls Village Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 14th, 2021, at 7:00PM
ZOOM Meeting ID: 627 135 1285**

A regular meeting of the Falls Village Recreation Commission was held on this date via ZOOM and called to order at 7:06 pm by John Morrissey. In attendance: Director, Emily Peterson and Commissioners Susan Allen, Dan Carr, Daipai Horace, Melissa Lopes, John Morrissey, and Ted Moy. Absent: Thomas Wilson.

Old Business:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the March 10th meeting. Dan Carr made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Susan Allen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Commission decided on having a “Community Pool Clean Up Day” for Saturday, May 1st at 1:00. The day will consist mainly of weeding the playground and moving and spreading the new safety surfacing that was delivered. Emily Peterson will create flyers and post on social media to invite volunteers. Dan Carr offered to bring some compost and his tractor for the day to help move the mulch more efficiently.

The Commission voted to offer the Creative Kidz Club program this summer for Falls Village residents only. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion for the 2021 Pool season included a report given by Emily Peterson with information about returning lifeguards and recertification classes. Emily informed the Commission that there will be 5 returning full-time guards, 1 part time and 1 substitute. She is still waiting to hear back from others. The Commission then discussed the possibility of allowing non-residents to use the pool this summer. The Commission concluded that it was too soon to decide, and they will revisit the topic at the next meeting.

The Commission briefly talked about the launch of the “Community Gathering Space in Falls Village” fundraiser. The crowdfunding campaign is partnered with the Falls Village Community Development Corporation (FVCDC) and SustainableCT, and off to a good start. The fundraiser has a goal of raising \$7,500 for native trees, plants and a pergola. Susan Allen suggested that the Commission should inquire about if there is a comprehensive list of email addresses available for the Commission to use to help spread the word and to ask for donations.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 12th, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Peterson, Recreation Director

