Falls Village Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Falls Village Town Hall and via Zoom
108 Main Street, Falls Village CT 06031

Present - in Person:
Members: Ted Moy, Dan Carr, Melissa Lopes
Director: Emily Peterson
Selectman: David Barger

Present - via Zoom:
Members: Rachel Mills
Selectman - Judy Jacobs

Absent: Dan Glass, Lauren Killawee

I. Call to order

Ted Moy called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

II. Public Comment- limited to two minutes

None

III. Old Business & Updates

A. Approval of pending minutes
   1. January 10th, 2024: MOTION by Dan Carr, seconded by Melissa Lopes to receive and approve the Meeting Minutes of January 10th, 2024, as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Review
   1. Ski Club: Dan Carr reported that all four dates were held without having a snow/rate date. There was one injury on the last date and parent brought child to Sharon Hospital ER...(all is well). Payment was to Mohawk was easier as parents signed up directly on Mohawk website. Grant from SWASA was given to FVRC and Scholarships were given. Parents have again asked that bussing be reinstated. Dan Carr will contact All-Star Transportation to see the cost for 4 days from LHK to Mohawk (round trip and one way) for 2025 and will report back. There was further discussion regarding having all participants take lessons - regardless of skill. lessons.

   2. Co-Sponsor Guidelines: Tabled to next meeting

   3. Recruitment: Dan Glass was not at the meeting, however after last meeting those that showed interest on survey were nudged via email and were invited to February and March meetings.

IV. New Business

A. Events
   1. Easter Egg Hunt
      a) Location: Falls Village Recreation Center
      b) Date: March 23rd with Rain Date March 30th.
      c) Time: 10 am
d) Activities: Egg Hunt - Theresa Graney has spoken with Emily Peterson and FV Seniors have volunteered to stuff Easter eggs with Easter candy. Emily will check the town hall basement to see how many eggs are left from last year and Melissa Lopes is donating plastic eggs. Emily will contact LHK to see if 7th & 8th grade class can help hide eggs.

Emily Peterson will post flyers on social media and also the town website. She will also provide flyers to LHK and other public places.

B. Programs
   1. Creative Kidz Club
      a) Dates: July 15th through August 2nd, 2024.
      b) Hiring a Director: Discussed hiring process for 2024 summer and Emily Peterson reported/reminded that last year was a success and looking into transportation to the pool at least once during each week.

C. Recreation Center Project Update
   1. Grant Opportunity: The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is now accepting proposals for the State’s Recreational Trails Program Grants. Emily Peterson, Ted Moy and Dave Barger attended a webinar on January 11, 2024, to provide an overview of the CT Recreational Trails Grant program and application. Grant is due March 11th. Members are looking at past property plans to update and also see what can be used. Dave Barger stated that the NWCOG may be able to help us with writing the grant. Dave Barger will forward contact information.

   2. Schedule Open House: Open House is scheduled for immediately after the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd with Rain Date March 30th. Emily Peterson will post flyers on social media and also the town website. She will also provide flyers to LHK and other public places.

D. Budget / Funds
   1. FY25 Proposed Budget: Members discussed necessary increases for FY25. Emily Peterson and Ted Moy will work on finalizing to submit on February 23rd.

   2. Left over funds ($1629.96) from the FV Development Corp: Ted Moy reminded members that there were funds left over with the FV Development Corp. As a reminder, these are funds used to build the pergola and plant some trees at the recreation center. These funds are allocated for use in the recreation center property. Members suggested uses, but a decision has not yet been made.

V. Any other business to properly come before the Recreation Commission

A. Ted Moy told members that Selectman Chris Kinsella contacted him and told him that he has been charged by the Board of Selectmen to put together a committee to review and make recommendations to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance for installing a solar array on town owned property, to offset the cost of electricity that is used at town owned facilities. Members who are interested in being a member on the committee will let Ted and Chris know of their interest.

B. Melissa Lopes requested that Emily Peterson share with commission, a copy of the Annual Report for July 2022 - June 2023.
VI. Adjournment

Dan Carr made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM, second by Melissa Lopes. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Lopes
Melissa Lopes - Secretary