Falls Village Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Falls Village Town Hall
108 Main Street, Falls Village CT 06031

Present:
Members: Ted Moy, Dan Carr, Melissa Lopes, Rachel Mills
Director: Emily Peterson
Guests: First Selectman Dave Barger

Absent:
Member: Lauren Killawee, Dan Glass

I. Call to order: Ted Moy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

II. Public Comment: None

III. Old Business & Updates:

A. Approval of pending minutes
   1. MOTION by Dan Carr, seconded by Rachel Mills to approve received Minutes of March 14th, 2024 Meeting, as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Review
   1. Easter Egg Hunt: Chilly Day, but well attended. There were three (3) golden eggs. LHK 8th grade class participated and had a bake sale and parents appreciated coffee sales. FV Seniors filled eggs with candy—special thanks to Theresa Graney for organizing.

   2. Rec Center Walking Tour: Twelve groups toured the property. Judy Jacobs helped fill in some of the property history. There was interest in the corn fields and haying fields. Fishing on the town farm property was a popular idea. Members discussed having an additional tour when it’s warmer and maintaining the fields, obtaining copies of contacts for corn, and haying fields to see the terms between the town and farmers. Melissa Lopes read Ordinance Section C - to remind members what their mission is and that doing this is within the commission’s purview.

   “That said municipal Recreation Commission shall establish, maintain and conduct parks, playgrounds, baths, swimming pools and areas, gymnasiums, recreation places, public gardens and generally, to establish, maintain and conduct the recreation and athletic facilities, programs and events for the citizens of the Town of Canaan and to make proper appropriations therefor”

IV. New Business

A. Events
   1. Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

      a) Program Details: On Saturday, April 20th from 10 am to Noon the David M. Hunt Library, the Village Gardeners and the Falls Village Recreation Commission have worked together to have a community Earth Day Celebration. The Rec
Commission will meet residents at the library for a community-wide trash clean-up. The Village Gardeners will get the library grounds ready for Spring and the expansion of the town Pollinator Pathway. The Hunt will host a DIY seed bomb activity. Everyone is invited to enjoy beverages and snacks at the library at the end of the event.

b) Commissioner Assignments: Rachel Mills has been the point person for the Rec Commission. Selectman Dave Barger reported that he has been in contact with the Town Crew for trash pick-up. Gloves are being provided by the FVVFD. Rachel will be working on assigning groups to specific streets. Commissioners have been asked to provide treats for the end of the event.

2. Memorial Day Parade

a) Program Details: Rec Commission is working to organize a Memorial Day Parade with more community involvement. Looking to include community groups in addition to the FVVFD and confirm with BOS on specifics for the timing to start the parade and Ceremony to follow.

b) Commissioner Assignments: Emily Peterson will contact FVVFD and Ladies Auxiliary. Ted Moy will contact Judy Jacobs. Dan Carr will contact the HVRHS Vo-Ag Department. Melissa Lopes will contact the HVRHS Music Department. The Center on Main will be contacted also to see if there is interest in involvement. Emily Peterson will contact the Lakeville Journal.

B. Summer Programming

1. Recreation Center/Pool 2024 Season

a) Updates: First Selectman Dave Barger reported that Nikki Blass has been approved as 2024 Waterfront Supervisor. Nikki Blass submitted written report for needs and successes. Attached.

2. Creative Kidz Club

a) Updates: First Selectman Dave Barger reported that Kristi Spear has been approved as 2024 Youth Program Director. Emily Peterson reported that registration for the program has been posted and we already have one family registered. Emily Peterson has posted job openings for Youth Program Assistant for Creative Kidz Club (CKC) on the town website. Church and LHK approved use of property for summer program. Discussion regarding phasing away from “Kidz” to “Kids” in the name of the summer program.

C. Solar Committee Updates: Next meeting will be held on April 17th. Emily Peterson reported that the solar committee would be recommending to the BOS that any solar panel array siting on the Town Farm property would be in an identified location outside the Town Farm property gate, between the Recreation Center driveway and the Transfer Station driveway (the Route 63 entrances).
D. Rec Center Project

1. Working Group Meeting: a) Goal b) Invites c) Date/Time/Location: Tabled until next meeting.

V. Any other business to properly come before the Recreation Commission: Emily Peterston reported to the Commission that Meg Sher from DM Hunt contacted her to see if the Rec Commission would like to co-sponsor a summer event. Commissioners would like to have more information but were interested.

VI. Adjournment: MOTION to Adjourn at 8:55 pm made by Dan Carr, seconded by Rachel Mills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Lopes
Melissa Lopes - Secretary