Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
October 17, 2023

Present: Chairwoman Lindsay Crane, Tracy Allyn, Tom Bunce, Marilisa Camardi

Chairwoman Crane called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and established quorum.

Ms. Camardi made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Ms. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Public Comment: None

Chairwoman Crane read the Director’s report into record. Rec soccer has been going on for a few weeks, some weeknights due to rainy weekends. A couple of volunteers have stepped up to help out. The pool pump will be closed. Roof work has started on the pool house. Perotti’s has shut off the water. The plan for basketball is to run it like last year. The director will follow up with the other rec directors. Nothing to report on adult softball. At the end of October will be done with the porta pottys. Chuck Grant is going to a trade show and will be bringing back quotes on hoops to discuss with the director. The google doc for registrations for the Holiday decorating contest has been done.

Treasurer report: Ms. Camardi reported that she has renewed the directors’ and officers’ liability insurance and secured the soccer insurance for 40 participants. The porta pottys are paid through November 6, so they will be removed after that. The September statement for the special account has a balance of $8909.90 per Emily. There was a discussion on how the scout project money would be disbursed and that they will have the scouts come in when they have project updates to share.

Theater movie night went very well and there was a good turnout.

The commission member terms were accepted at the last Selectman’s meeting.

Swim for Win – Chairwoman Crane spoke with the Wingards and right now it is at a standstill. They are looking into fundraising. They may reach out next year to do something at the pool. They still want to work with the commission. Chairwoman Crane will continue to follow up with them.

Master Rec Calendar: There was a discussion of the calendar, and the decision was made to have members review it at home and make notes to discuss at the next meeting.

Rec Sponsored events – nothing to report.

Basketball court: We will wait to hear what Chuck Grant brings for quotes. It looks good. Chairwoman Crane will speak with Selectman Perotti regarding topsoil and seeding the edging in the spring.

Next month ask Adam Bunce about the sign for the tennis courts.

Holiday decorating contest: The same categories as previous year. The Events committee is doing a business Holiday lighting/window contest in conjunction with the parade of lights, November 26 to December 10. There was a discussion regarding having the rec contest in conjunction with this. Decision was made to have registration end December 11, judging December 18 and winners chosen at the
December 19 meeting. Flyer should be posted November 1. There was a discussion of prizes – there are ornaments left. The commission can research businesses for prize donations as well.

Donation of cookies to the events committee for the Parade of Lights on November 26 (weather permitting). Estimated about 5 dozen. A suggestion was made to get them at BJ’s. Further discussion at the next meeting.

Trivia at the Brewery in 2024. There was a discussion of when to do this. It is a Sunday night. Chairwoman Crane spoke with the town treasurer, and anything raised on a trivia night will go into the rec special account but has to be specific to what it is for – i.e., basketball hoops. Date chosen is April 21.

Ms. Allyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrlea A Odell

Recording Secretary