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Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
August 15, 2023, 7:30pm

Present: Chairwoman Lindsay Crane, Tonya Rousiss, Tracy Allyn, Shawn Finney, Laura Bosio, Marilisa Camardi, Director Adam Bunce

Chairwoman Crane called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and established a quorum.

Ms. Rousiss made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment: none

Directors report Adam Bunce

Pool update: The pool is running well. He had to restart the new pump one day but otherwise the system is working fine. The hoses on the chlorinator were clogged and are now fixed.

Swim team went well this year. Mr. Finney said that there were requests from the lifeguards for something in the way of uniforms (caps, sweatshirts, or something). Mr. Bunce explained that with covid they had not been doing that, but now that there is a more consistent number of kids coming back next year, he will look into doing something. A team store could be set up to cover some of the costs. Teams had not gotten back up to where they were prior to COVID which is why there haven't been championships. This year every team was at every meet. There was discussion of doing one this year, but it couldn't be pulled together. The last day for the pool season will be August 23, as there are no lifeguards after that date. After that date Mr. Bunce will work with Perottis and get it drained and closed. Selectman Perotti has scheduled the roof construction. Mr. Bunce received word from Selectman Allyn that the picnic tables were in need of repair or replacement. Mr. Bunce was able to temporarily repair them so there were no cutting hazards. There was a discussion of other items needing to be purchased. Selectman Perotti let Chairwoman Crane know that they should order what they need now as opposed to waiting. A list was created of things needed – 2 picnic tables, vacuum, 4 regular and 1 guard umbrella, 6 lounge chairs. The fridge needs to be replaced but should be a cheap or free one, nothing fancy. The town crew can be asked to remove the old one. There is a need for new back bubbles, but the thought is to ask Swim for Win Foundation to do that. Approximately \$2000 was taken in for swimming lessons but there are bills that need to be paid from that. There was a discussion of expenses including lifeguard recertifications (not initial only recerts).

Baseball: Fall Ball signups are happening now, but so far, the numbers are low.

Soccer: commission is struggling to find someone to run/coach soccer. Mr. Bunce can't be there on Saturday mornings because of work so things end up falling on Lisa. They are trying to find someone to take over. A meeting with the other region 1 towns is being set up. The qualified individual would not need to have a coaching certificate, but they should know the sport and have some experience. It was suggested that it be advertised/posted on social media specifically that there won't be soccer if there is no one to run it. There was discussion of possibly doing soccer just for Canaan residents but would be

advertised as just skills. Mr. Bunce worries about how it would look if Canaan did their own thing, and the region couldn't. It needs to be made clear that if the Region 1 program falls apart the commission is getting pressure to offer something locally for the residents. Suggested this should be posted to Northwest Chatter on Facebook.

Treasurer Report Marilisa: The report was forwarded to everyone's emails. Last year's budget is over by \$458.68. She has reached out to the town treasurer to discuss. The budget has not been increased for a long time. This year more guards were hired at a minimum wage of \$15 per hour. Although there was no overtime, they are still there 7 days a week. The guards this year were very good and hopefully most of them will be back next year. Next year's budget should be looked at. Renewal of the Directors liability insurance will wait until we see what happens with the soccer program. The Basketball court is going to be leveled and resurfaced at the pavilion. Lines will need to be painted and we should see about new hoops.

Mr. Bunce stated that Tony Viscariello approached him regarding doing an adult softball league at Lawrence field. Mr. Bunce recommends this commission not be involved with running it and just let them do their thing. He explained that he will need to receive the schedule of play and the insurance when they get it together.

A discussion ensued regarding a large group of residents that come together occasionally and play soccer on the baseball field.

The porta pottys will stay for now. Usually, they are removed at the end of September.

Old Business:

The Railroad days pool party went well. The kids seemed to have a good time. Only 1 negative comment was made. Chairwoman Crane suggested that they do something like that once a month. It could be advertised as a bring your own dinner. Maybe have it at the pavilion with holiday movies etc. Discussion ensued regarding doing a movie at the theater. Ms. Camardi will check into the theater.

Scout Eagle Project Updates: none

Chairwoman Crane explained the terms for everyone on the commission. Discussion of who is up and what the suggested renewal of term would be. New members would be 2 years and then 3 years after that. Proposed changes in the bylaws were discussed. **Ms. Camardi made a motion to send the proposed changes to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Ms. Bosio seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The master calendar will be looked at in November.

Thank you to Shawn Finney for the lights in the pool house. They are great.

Chairwoman Crane will contact Mike Reagan to discuss events for the fall such as a movie night.

Chairwoman Crane will reach out to Swim for Win regarding the back bubbles. A discussion ensued about how the foundation works and suggesting to them applications should be used next year.

New Business:

NC Recreation sponsored group/family events Laura Bosio: Ms. Bosio explained that there is a company that puts together bus tours (such as going to a baseball game, or a concert) They establish a fee, and it covers the transportation and the ticket. She will investigate further and see if there is anything that might be of interest to Canaan.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary