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Minutes of the Recreation Commission Regular Meeting 8/4/2025

Members Present: Gary Wilson, Matt Stancavage, Brian Lafontaine & Shawn McGee

Not Present: Ernie LeClaire, Tanya Galpin, Frank Treglia

Also Present: Joe Aniki

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 p.m.

The minutes from the Recreation Commission special meeting of 6/2/2025 were read. Matt Stancavage made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Brian Lafontaine. Members in favor: Gary Wilson, Matt Stancavage & Brian Lafontaine

Members abstaining: Shawn McGee

In old business, Joe Aniki updated the Rec Commission that Thomaston Youth Soccer and Thomaston High School late spring/Summer soccer is coming to an end and their Fall seasons are set to begin within the upcoming weeks. The town wide tag sale was held this year with a total of 44 residents who have participated, Rec Director Aniki states it was a big success this year and would consider making it a yearly thing if there is enough interest. Next in old business, the Yard Goats game was held this year on Friday July 18th and unfortunately, we did not sell out all 50 tickets for the first time of doing this event, Director Aniki will explore new dates or even fewer tickets next season.

Under New business, Director Aniki welcomed new member Shawn McGee to the recreation commission as its newest member. The recreation summer workers have finally started the pressure washing of Nystroms Tennis courts, Aniki thinks they should be done by the end of the week.

Director Aniki has updated the commission that all summer camps are over and were a huge success. Baseball camp with Thomaston Little League was down a little bit compared to the past but still very successful; Baseball camp had 2 weeks of full rosters filled out and the boys camp had Donovan Clingan be a special guest visit for the kids. Summer Playground had a very successful 5 weeks of summer camp that included weekly trips, pizza, special guest presentations such as: Eros Archery, CrossFit Override, Tracy Martz weekly Arts n Crafts, Diane Aniki weekly Face painting, Kona Ice Truck, Ice Cream Emergency & Paul the Magician. Director Aniki has noted that Men's Slow-pitch Softball is set to begin this season on Sunday August 17th with 8 teams total registered. Plymouth Parks and Rec reached out and asked if we would like to get involved with a bus trip to Salem, MA in October and we are going to participate in that for a town collaboration. Summer staff is starting to wind down as gate staff and lifeguards are

preparing to head back to college/High School in the upcoming weeks. Joe Aniki mentioned that now we have the paint in gallon buckets (rather than aerosol cans) we will need to look into getting a propane powered heater for the Reeves Garage so we store our paint properly; we will begin to get quotes and what the install price will be. Motion was made by Matt Stancavage to get pricing on a heater for the Reeves garage. All members present; in favor. Finally, Joe Aniki did mention that the grant funding for new parking and a pickleball court at Reeves Field was denied but wants to reach out to local companies to see if we can try to get something very basic down there, for the Thomaston community.

The Rec. Fund as of 7/31/2025 is \$55,682.95

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 8th, 2025.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shawn McGee, seconded by Brian Lafontaine. All members were in favor.
