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Lancaster Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 6/27/17

Attendees:

- Recreation Director: Christa Duprey
- Recreation Committee Members: Johnna Doyle, Joe Kennedy, Win Clark, Ted Manning, Jeanne Blauner, and Katie O'Riorden
- Public: Matt Hourihan

Meeting Agenda:

- Public Comment Period
- Scheduled Appearances and Public Hearing
- Treasurer's Report
- Recreation Director Update
- Recreation Committee Update
- Old and New Business
- Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting Summary:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Public Comment: None

Scheduled Appearances: None

Treasurer's Report:

- Plumbing work was needed at the beach to get the facilities in working order.
- Joe motions that we pay the plumber the \$950 from the groundskeeping account. Johnna seconds. All in favor.
- Jeanne makes a motion to approve the budget; Win seconds. Unanimous.

Recreation Director Update:

- Recyclable Boat Race date will be August 5th.
- Christa proposes buying another rescue tube. We have 2. Lifeguards cannot guard the beach without one. Need a backup in case one breaks- \$40.
- Ted asks about a defibrillator for the beach. Christa said that the fire department has them in their vehicles.
- Christa wants to reach out to the Fire Department to see if they have a backboard that could be used at the beach.
- Johnna makes a motion that we spend up to \$400 for a used board. Joe seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Katie asks about a Shock Alarm for the water.
 - o Christa will look into it to see if we need one for the beach.

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- Inmates came to clean the beach; it was quite dirty due to people using it when the beach is closed.
- Johnna suggests a dumpster a month earlier than we usually get it. Most of the damage and trash was from that time period.
- Christa suggests a sign on the lifeguard chair or on the gate to remind people to take their trash with them.
- Jeanne likes the idea of surveilling the area prior to it opening. Would like to consider that as a possibility.
- Christa will look for a pre-fab sign to post.
- Swim lesson signups: 3 kids for the evening first session, 4 kids for the evening second session.
- 20 kids signed up for daytime lessons.
- Johnna asks about the lessons for the next two sessions; Christa will look up the information.
- Christa launched the volleyball nights at the beach- first date, July 12. As of the meeting, there are no sign ups.
- Beach attendants are responsible for encouraging them to sign up online.
- Christa emailed Zach Gilmore to let the basketball league know about volleyball.
- Brief discussion on the online calendar for lifeguard duties.
- Katie asks about the grant that Noreen had applied for for updating the beach facilities to be handicap accessible.
 - o She should hear back about the grant in July. She is reapplying for the grant that we earned last year, but did not get.
 - o Christa would like the attendants to sit in a chair with a table by the side of the building, not at the picnic table. She is looking into finding a table.
- Johnna asks about the hour/week free activities at the beach. There is nothing in place yet.
- Jeanne asks if we have life jackets at the beach. Christa says that Christian's Law requires a beach to have life jackets if a camp were to show up. The beach is also responsible to do an evaluation on each child through this law.
 - o Johnna suggests following up with town lawyer. Christa will do so.
 - o Christa will also reach out to Stow and Sterling to see what they do.
- Christa received an email about allowing a dog on the beach. The decision is that dogs are allowed for special needs purposes and they must provide the proper documentation.
- Field maintenance
 - o Christa and Ted met with Orlando. Orlando is concerned with the maintenance bids. He wants to put together a program for the field maintenance to maintain the fields all summer of next year. Discussion of perhaps paying it out of capital funds.
 - o Win asks what we have done for the maintenance plan. The response is that we do not have one at this point.
 - o Need to determine seasonal vs. weekly needs.
 - o Christa has quotes for turf maintenance and weekly maintenance.

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- Will need additional quotes. Christa will work on it.
- Recreation needs someone hired now to mow fields on a weekly basis. They are not being kept up.

Recreation Committee Update:

Old and New Business:

- On July 10th, the subcommittee will go to the planning board. They will discuss the reintroduction of a splash pad, as the grant requires.
- One weekend in July and August, we will rent a dumpster to clean up at Thayer Field. This includes removing the fence posts and fencing. Christa will ask the adult softball league to help with this clean up.
- Dumpster costs \$285 for 1 ton.
- Johnna suggests we consider changing committee positions. Will revisit at the August meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Katie will submit minutes from the May meeting.
- Win will send out the minutes from the June meeting to the committee.

Meeting Adjourned: Johnna makes a motion to adjourn; Jeanne seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Next meeting is to be held on August 15 at 7:30.