

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

January 9, 2023

7:00pm

Commission members present: David Wilterdink, Cliff Soucy, Mike Gaudreau, Jim Warren, Deb Warren, Harry Adams, Aaron Soucy

Recreation Director: Renee Sangermano

Absent: Steve Danna, Melissa Perkins-Banas

Public: Members of The Conservation Commission

1. Call to Order

7:00

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December Meeting

Motion made: 1st David Wilterdink 2nd Jim Warren All in Favor

Motion made : to Move Other Business to number 4 on the agenda

1st Cliff Soucy. 2nd Deb Warren. All in Favor

3. Other Business

A. Conservation Commission-endorsement for grant & Trail Day Support

Diane Wimmer and Rich Colarco from the Conservation Commission is asking for endorsement for three areas

1.trail grant -deadline to apply is March 11th. This grant is for maintenance of the trails. State may give up to 80% and the town

would have to supply 20% in kind. The trails that would be concentrated on is the Trail behind Creamery Brook, Prince Hill and the Trail behind the School.

There will be an Eagle Scout project for signage at Prince Hill. It may be possible to use town equipment and labor or fund with town contributions.

2. Trail days

Have the trails ready for 1st weekend in June. Collaborate with Parks and Recreation and have potential stations, for education and have Recreation advertise the event.

3. Acquisition of Open Space for passive Recreation tied into the trail along the river

The selectmen will be informed so they are prepared. Conservation would be interested in working with Parks and Recreation and Public Works to facilitate the grants.

Renee would like a list of specifics of what is needed for the trails, and the time required to complete the tasks, as the Parks dept is down their part time employee until March.

Motion Made: to endorse a partnership with the Conservation Commission to apply for grants for Trails and open space.

1st Jim Warren 2nd Cliff Soucy All in Favor

B. Reschedule October 2023 meeting date due to holiday conflict
There will be a Special meeting October 3 Tuesday.

4. Director's Report

a. Programs Update

Office Assistant is out on FMLA- Renee is hoping to get some temporary office support. There will not be a brochure distributed this season. The

new Software will be up and running in February, including online registration and payments.

There is a new policy at The Before and After school program, no school, no program. This is based on staffing and ratio issues, especially during inclement weather.

A Parent and Staff Manual is being written.

The Volunteer and staff background check is being checked by legal
Christmas gift distribution was successful, may tweak how it is managed to allow for more volunteers keeping with privacy.

Ski Club will begin
Winter Warriors has 6 participants
Open Gym has 25-30 people per night.

Spring Programs will include pickle ball and a golden rock hunt

April Vacation is coming together (two trips are planned)
Looking to have a Woman's Health day with a mobile Mammography van.
South Street Park- survey is on the Website as well as face book. Once its ended Renee will compile the data and proceed with recommendations.

C. Parks Update

Leaf Clean-up is continuing and removal of a downed tree and will as tool and equipment maintenance.

There was a clean-out of Summer Camp storage and Before and After School Storage.

Renee asked for input for planning the Easter Event and Family Fun Day.

Fear grounds Planning will be begin, as well as, Trail days weekend.

5. Old Business

a. Little League -Dug Out project

After discussion Renee will talk to Little League and compromise, discussing using the Cinderblock, but with a locking chain link fence.

6. Public Comment: none

7. Adjournment

7:52pm

Motion made: 1st Cliff Soucy 2nd David Wilterdink All in Favor

Next meeting February 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle