

RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission Members

FROM: Brooklyn Parks & Recreation Chairperson

RE: Regular Meeting

DATE: **Monday, July 11, 2022**
Clifford B. Green Conference Room
Also Available Via Zoom

TIME: **7:00pm**

AGENDA

1. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes from June 13th Meeting
2. Approval of Special Meeting minutes from June 27th Meeting
3. Public Time
4. Program Update
5. Other Business
6. Public Time
7. Adjournment

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Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting

June 13, 2022

7:13pm

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

Absent: Aaron Soucy Steve Danna, MELISSA PERKINS-Banas,
Also, present: Bucky Lohbusch

1. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes May 9, 2022

Motion made: 1st Harry Adams. 2nd Cliff Soucy All in Favor

2. Public Time

None

3. 2022-23 Budget Update

The proposed Parks and Recreation budget was approved by the Recreation Commission was presented to move to a final vote by the BOF, with no changes.

Before the final vote by the BOF, the Parks and Recreation budget was changed by the First Selectman and the HR department, WITHOUT the approval, or knowledge, of the Commission. The Budget that will be presented to the Town will be about 2000.00 less than the Commission voted on. The Commission was not given any notice or able to revisit the budget to see if savings could come out of another line item.

It light of this border line illegal move, an employee will not receive compensation that is fair.

After much discussion and disappointment at the BOF and First Selectman, was voiced, it will be essential for all Commission members and concerned citizens to attend the Town Budget Meeting June 21st to vote.

4. Program Update

Family Fun Day

Very Successful with smaller attendance than previous years. There were more tents set up, including, PTO, Republican, Democrats, Rotary Club, ETC.

There was Corn Hole, State Police presentations, and moon bounces, and Food.

Thanks to all who volunteered at the event.

The Red Sox trip went well, as well as, the Boston Bus trip.

The Fall/Winter Brochure is being worked on.

The Bus trips will be New York, Kittery and Salem. The cost of these trips will be increased, due to the current cost of transportation.

The Fall Concert schedule is set for September, 11th, 17th, 25th with Night Shift and Live Wire.

The Before and After school payments have been collected in full. The Payment Coordinator did a great job. She will be leaving us to pursue a new career and we wish her well.

Woodstock Fresh Program donated 1000.00 to the Jim Boyle Scholarship program.

Mrs. Dragon will also be donating to the Jim Boyle scholarship fund or the Beautification fund.

Summer Slam has 23 children signed up

Tennis camp has 10 sign ups

Volleyball has 4 children signed up.

Summer Camp staff is all set.

5. Other Business

None

6. Public Time

Chris Boyle asked to have a safety plan made for Summer camp. Possibly having a trooper attend orientation on June 22nd to speak to staff.

7. Adjournment

7:43pm

Motion made: 1st Harry Adams. 2nd Cliff Soucy All in Favor

Next meeting: September 12, 2022

Town Budget Vote. June 21st

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Special Meeting

Including The Board of Selectmen

June 27, 2022

7:00pm

Commission members present: Harry Adams, David Wilterdink,
Cliff Soucy, Mike Gaudreau, Jim Warren, Deb Warren, Melissa Perkins-Banas,
Steve Danna

Board of Selectmen present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur

Absent: Aaron Soucy

Public: Sandra Brodeur, Lori Gilpin, HR

1. Discussion on moving forward with the replacement of the Parks & Recreation Director.

The Parks and Recreation Ordinance states the Commission members are charged with interviewing candidates, and forwarding selected candidates to the First selectman for approval for employment.

There was discussion on following the correct procedure:

1. Advertised the position and qualifications for the position on Indeed, Link 'in, Parks and Recreation Association site, and the Norwich Bulletin.
2. The position will be listed for 30 days until July 30th.
3. The applications will be reviewed by the Commission members to choose the applicates to interview.
4. The interviewing process will be a closed procedure. The process will be following the correct procedures with the help of HR, Lori Gilpin, with a 3-5 person Committee, made up of Commission members.

There was a discussion with the Director of Summer Camp, about needs of the camp.

It was decided the director will email the First selectman with a list of things the camp needs, including supplies for events that are scheduled.

All the Commission members are willingly to volunteer to help fulfill the list to keep the Brooklyn Summer Camp successful.

2.1st Selectman, Austin Tanner's comments

Mr. Tanner is receptive to having several candidates presented to him, as well as, open communication with the Chairman of the commission, Mike Gaudreau. He will provide the Commission with a copy of the job description of the Parks and Recreation Director.

7. Adjournment

8:14 pm

Motion made: 1st Harry Adams. 2nd Jim Warren All in Favor

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle