

**Town of Haverhill
Parks & Recreation Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

**DRAFT subject to review by the Commission
(Videoconferencing by ZOOM; posted to Facebook)**

Commission Members Present:

Jennifer West, Chair
Sandi Pierce
Mona Sanville
Nichole Kidder
Steve Robbins, Ex Officio (absent)

Town Employee Present: None

Select Board Representative: None

Members of the Public Present: Nicole Kidder

The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 PM by Jennifer West. A quorum was met.

MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION #1: Mona made the motion and Sandi seconded the motion to accept the minutes from May 6, 2020, as written. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were approved.

Potential New Member

Jennifer introduced Nicole, who expressed interest in joining the Recreation & Parks Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cancelations. All parks and recreation programs continue to be postponed through June 22 to follow the Governor's guidelines and the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association (NHRPA) guidelines. There is a Stay-at-Home Order 2.0 from the Governor, which follows CDC and the American Campers' Association guidelines for public gatherings. Sherri sent out a survey to parents asking if camp programs were held, would the families participate.

Intermittent Leave

Sherri wishes to thank the town of Haverhill for the flexibility of taking intermittent leave to care for a sick family member.

NHRPA Meetings

Sherri continues to attend NHRPA meetings to keep up to date on recreation policy during the pandemic.

ZOOM Classes

Regular ZOOM classes are continuing to be held daily with the schedule offered on the TOH website calendar. Exercise classes at Hazen Park have started on Fridays with a 6' social distance

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between us. If the class continues to grow, we will break up the group to of 10 or less separated by 6' distance. Offerings are listed on the Haverhill website calendar.

Hazen Park

The members expressed how nice Hazen Park looks from work the volunteers did cleaning up the park, and how it is now being used by the public and the campground visitors. Temporary signs are now in place, and wooden signs are coming.

NEW BUSINESS

Walmart Community Grant

Sherri announced that the Rec Commission received a \$1,500 grant to purchase picnic tables, which will be put at the Community Garden, Hazen Park, and the Airport. The tables arrive this week. They will be stained and, then, put in place. There's a photo op with Walmart next week to announce the transfer of the donation check.

A.P. Hill Pool and HARP

Sherri announced that the A.P. Hill pool and all pools in NH will not be open this year per the Governor's order. The HARP program is still on hold, but the staff is looking at the guidelines to see if some part of the program can be offered. A survey went out to ask parents if they would allow their children to attend a modified and focused program, like a soccer camp.

Summer Programs

Francine, Mona, and Donnie Bowman are on staff.

Hazen and Railroad Park

At Hazen Park, fencing is going up, which Donnie is installing. Mona is working with volunteers to scrape and paint the caboose in Woodsville. JAG students with supervision from Jill Nichols may help with staining the pavilion at Railroad Park. Signs at Railroad Park have been installed stating "Pass at your own risk" and "No swimming."

Quarter Auction

Sandi stated that local businesses are not able to donate to the Auction. Sandi suggested postponing or canceling because even in October social distancing cannot occur with 100+ people in the Clifford Building.

Jennifer noted that the Bradford Coffee Stops have been canceled for the entire year, which Haverhill does similarly in the fall to benefit the playground fund.

MOTION #2: Sandi made the motion and Mona seconded the motion to cancel the Quarter Auction for 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

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A member noted that she received a request to open the Clifford Building for Teen Nights for a group of 10 or less. Sherri noted that the drive-in concept does work for a movie night, but how that would work needs thought.

Hats off to Michael Fraise, community garden liaison. There are garden plots remaining, so let Sherri know if anyone in Town would like to plant a garden.

VFW Playground

Sherri stated that certified playground chips (1/2 truckload; 100 yards) are needed in N. Haverhill and have been ordered.

Funding

Balance in the Playground Fund is \$966.50. Turkey Plunge fund balance of \$3,780.69. Sherri will take out the funds for the playground chips from the Playground Fund and the balance out of the Turkey Plunge fund.

MOTION #3: Jennifer made the motion and Sandi seconded the motion to purchase the playground chips for the VFW Playground. The motion passed unanimously.

New Member Process

Sherri stated that if Nicole is interested to become a Rec Commission member, Sherri will begin the process. Nicole would attend, be approved, and sworn in by the Select Board. Nicole agreed to begin the process.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 1, via ZOOM.

ADJOURN

Motion #4: Sandi made a motion and Mona seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Transcribed by Joanna Bligh