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MINUTES

For: Truro Recreation Commission
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Minutes For: Recreation Commission Meeting—March 2016

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 24, 2016

12:00 pm

Truro Community Center- Recreation Lounge

In attendance: Jackson Dutra (Commission Member), Rachel Harrington (Commission Member), Mike Silva (Commission Member), Rebecca Townsend (Commission Member), Deborah McCutcheon (Community Preservation Committee Chair), Kelly Sullivan Clark (Recreation & Beach Director)

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm.

Director Clark gave report (attached) and discussed some of the Summer Youth Program theme ideas being considered. Additional discussion included the fate of Youth Softball and the low participation levels. Commission Members discussed concerns about Little League not having a major league team based on the Outer Cape. Director Clark offered to bring the issue up with other LCRL Directors but explained that since the LCRL baseball league was forced to fold, it likely has very little influence over Brewster Little League. The Commission also discussed potential factors for why softball numbers are down. Director Clark reported that the field is noting that children seem to be preferring sports that move faster and have less waiting around, such as soccer and lacrosse. Commission Member Townsend suggested that a “feeder” type program for lacrosse would likely be a good program for girls.

Deborah McCutcheon represented the Community Preservation Committee and gave general information about how to ask for an extension or repurpose funds for an existing project. She stated that the Commission can ask Mary Rogers of the CPC for an application to be included on the CPC agenda. She also stated that the Commission would benefit from representation at CPC meetings. She explained that the rep would only need to commit approximately 1 hour per month and that the group did not meet in June, July and August. Meetings are generally on the 2nd Friday of each Month. The next meeting will be April 8, 2016 at 4:15 pm. The Town Treasurer/Clerk would swear in the appointed representative. The rep gets appointed by the Recreation Commission.

Commission Member Silva suggested the group wait to appoint a rep at the next meeting when there would potentially be new members. All agreed.

Commission Vacancies were discussed. Director Clark offered that the Commission could solicit new members or request to make the Commission a five member commission. Commission Member Harrington reported that she had two candidates that she could reach out to. CPC Chair McCutcheon suggested a local outdoor enthusiast who could be a potential candidate. Commission Member Dutra reported that he had a candidate to reach out to.

The Commission reviewed current fees and potential fee increases. Commission Member Townsend reported that the Youth Sports fee, if increased at all, should only go up to \$25.00 in an effort to make the sports as accessible as possible to as many children as possible. The Summer Youth Program fees were also reviewed and Commission Members Dutra and Silva suggested that an assessment be done to determine if families can afford higher fees. Commission Members suggested that the increased fees may be too much of a hardship for some families who need the program. Additionally, a concern about timing was expressed since families generally start budgeting the winter to pay summer program expenses so approving for summer 2016 would not allow them enough time to plan accordingly. Commission Member Harrington reported that she has heard from some families who come to Truro especially for the Summer Youth Program and that the program is something that likely would encourage young people to choose Truro for their residency. Commission Member Dutra recommended continuing the discussion at a later meeting. All agreed.

Commission Member Harrington suggested that a half-court basketball court and hoop would be a great addition to the Truro Community Center site. Director Clark stated that she will contact Weston & Sampson and the Town Health and Conservation Agent to determine feasibility. Commission Member Silva proposed that at a later meeting the Commission could discuss repurposing the CPC funding to include the half-court in their proposal.

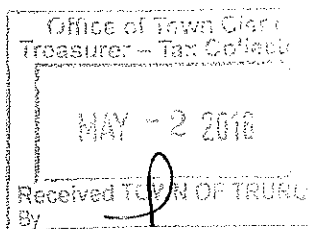
Commission Member Harrington discussed her proposal for an April 1st dance. It was determined that the date would be too soon but Director Clark and Commission Member Harrington determined that they will work on logistics to get a dance party/ open gym planned for later in April.

Commission Member Silva reported that the Friends of Truro Recreation has received checks from a donor's United Way contribution program. The donor selected the Friends of Truro Recreation to be his beneficiary for this program.

Commission Member Silva proposed that Youth Sports uniforms be collected as best as possible to be reused for future seasons especially since they cost so much to produce. Commission Member Townsend agreed that parents feel it is wasteful to have the children keep the uniforms since they are so nice and the children really never wear them again after the season is over. Director Clark reported the challenges with uniform collection (swapped uniforms, replaced uniforms, volunteer coaches, etc) but agreed to work on this. Commission Member Harrington also recommended changing the range of numbers on uniforms from season to season because often the same numbers get used and kids who play for multiple years wear multiple uniforms causing duplicates on the court/ field.

Commission Member Townsend made a motion to appoint Commission Member Jackson Dutra as Chair of the Recreation Commission. Commission Member Silva seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.



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