**Director’s Report for June 7, 2021**

**Programs**

We’ve had some tough luck this past month, having to cancel a couple of different programs. We were scheduled to run a six-week virtual Code-Wiz Minecraft program. When we did not reach the minimum, the registered participants were offered the opportunity to join one of their other sessions; unfortunately, that time frame did not work for our participants. The golf lessons we were also hoping to offer in conjunction with Bolduc Park has been put on hold as they are still looking for an instructor. If they are able to find one, we’ll try to offer a session later in the summer. The one program we have run this past month is our Spring Adult Hiking program. Our first hike was postponed due to inclement weather, but was held two days later. Overall, this program has been very successful with very strong numbers on each of our hikes. Our Summer Program Brochure was released at the beginning of the month and registration has opened for all programs. The numbers for the programs we’ve run the past month are as follows:

* Code Wiz Minecraft Program – Canceled due to low enrollment
* Bolduc Park Golf Lessons – Canceled due to lack of instructor
* Winnisquam Scenic Trail Hike – 12 Participants (reduced numbers due to postponement)
* Ramblin’ Vewe Hike – 17 Participants
* Lockes Hill Hike – 21 Participants
* Weeks Woods Hike – 16 Participants
* Waukewan Highlands Park – 18 Participants

We’ve got a very busy month coming up as our summer programs get underway. These programs include our Shooter’s Gold Basketball Camp, Our Tennis Lesson Program and the Babysitting Training Course that we are co-sponsoring with the Gilford Library. Additionally, we will be holding our initial registration night for our Fall Youth Soccer Program. Registration remains open for our other summer programs scheduled for July and August. One of these programs, the Horsemanship Camp through Lakes Region Riding Academy has already filled up! Two programs we were hoping to run have been canceled. The Archery Lesson program was canceled as instructor had an unexpected conflict and our Red Sox trip was canceled due to concerns over the percentage of fans being allowed and potential bussing issues. Sue and I are also exploring offering a couple of Senior Moment-um outdoor programs throughout the summer. Here is a list of planned programs for the month of June along with the dates they will run:

* Adult Hike on June 1st
* Fall Youth Soccer Registration Night on June 2nd
* Shooter’s Gold Basketball Camp runs June 28th –July 1st
* Tennis Lessons will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning June 29th
* Babysitters Class is scheduled for June 30th

**Facilities**

It has been a very busy month regarding our facilities. We have experienced a couple incidents of vandalism over the past month. The first incident, the door Concession Stand Door at Stonewall Park was broken open and a popcorn machine was taken. Two days later there was significant damage at the Town Beach as Garage Door on the Maintenance Garage, the door of the Men’s Bathroom, the windows at the Concession Stand and the door at the Concession Stand were all broken into. Additionally, it looked as if they tried to break into the guard room and women’s bathroom unsuccessfully. Although most of these doors were damaged beyond repair, it appears to be a case of vandalism only as nothing seems to have been taken. A couple of days later, it was noticed that the back door at the Ice Rink was also broken into and is believed to have happened at the same time. Police reports have been filed in both incidents, but as of now they remain unsolved. An insurance claim has been filed in regards to the beach/ice rink incident and Matt from Buildings and Grounds has been coordinating with a contract to execute repairs.

Due to the current shortage in our Lifeguard Staff, the Board of Selectmen made the difficult decision to not put the swim raft in the water at this time. I am working with DPW and Fay’s Boatyard to see if there is a way to move the raft from it’s current location so that is not as much in the way during the summer beach season.

Some electrical circuits at the Town Beach connected to the concession stand shorted. These have since been fixed and one additional outlet added to the concession stand to eliminate the need to run an extension cord for one of the large appliances.

The 7th Grade Class participated in their annual Beach Clean-up on Friday, May 28th. They had about 75 students attend and did a very good job and we are very appreciative of their effort.

The JIM Buoys have been put in place. Since we are not putting the swim raft in at this time, we put one additional JIM Buoy off one of the back raft anchors. This will help provide additional coverage and give us an anchor point to help secure the swim lines once they are put in. We hope to have the swim lines in by the end of the first week in June.

Matt from Buildings and Grounds is working to get a quote on the cost to replace all the decking at the Village Field Bandstand. In the interim, he is coordinating to have the two worst boards replaced as a temporary fix.

The Tennis Courts are scheduled to be re-surfaced in middle-late June. We’re hoping to be able to get this completed in the window of time between the end of the High School tennis season and the beginning of our Tennis Lesson Program, weather permitting.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director