**GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**February 5, 2024**

Present: Brittini Stewart, Matt Saulnier, Sue King, Peter Allen, Rick Nelson, Dave Smith, Lisa Manz-Buckley, Chris Banks, and Miriam York

Excused: Thom Francoeur

Also in attendance: Dan Barnhart and Scott Dunn

The meeting was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:34pm.

1. **Minutes of January 8, 2024** were approved as written.
2. **Programs Update:** Matt reviewed the ski and snowboard program as well as the successful basketball season so far. The all star teams have been chosen and the regular BB season winds down this weekend. The Francoeur/Babcock tournament will be held on March 7-10th. Sue reported on the adult volleyball program as well as the senior momentum program. Brittini talked about the upcoming school vacation week. The ice rink has had issues with the weather as well as one section with rocks and sand coming through the ice.
3. **2024 budget discussion:** The proposed cost of the beach building may change to a lower figure during the deliberative session on February 8th

at 7:00.pm.

1. **Beach:** The gate at the beach was opened last week and there is already a bob house out on the lake. We have a number of last years lifeguards returning and ads for more will be in the newspapers soon. The hope is to have enough lifeguards so the raft can be used again. Matt will be attending classes to obtain his WSI and several of last year’s lifeguards have their WSI certification.
2. **Gilford ice rink:** The weather has made it difficult to keep ice conditions suitable. Due to the frost one section of the rink has rocks and sand coming up through the ice. Brittini will be in touch with a Laconia resident that may be interested in helping with the ice rink.
3. **Facility use request:** The Gilford girls varsity soccer coach submitted a request to use the Village Field on Monday and Wednesday evenings July 8th through August 14th. A motion was made by Rick and seconded by Dave to“Allow the girls soccer team to use the fields this summer as long as it doesn’t interfere with the soccer camps that operate there in the summer” the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Other business:** Next meeting is scheduled for **March 4, 2004 at 5:30pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report