**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**August 2, 2021**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Dave Smith, Thom Francoeur, Peter Allen, Lisa Manz Buckley, Jim Glover, and Miriam York

Excused: Tracey Blandford,and Rick Nelson

The meeting was held at the Town Hall and was called to order by Thom Francoeur at 5:32.

1. Peter was appointed as a voting member.
2. **Minutes**:

Minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

 **3. Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s report. Herb went over the summer activities

and said that the coaches training session will be done online by the coaches with the program “How to Coach Kids”. They will be able to print out a certificate showing that they had completed the session.

1. **Program Assistant Position:**

Herb has advertised in the newspaper for a program assistant and has had no takers. There was discussion again about the need for a full time assistant and that that might get a better response. Herb and Sue will continue as they

have been doing

  **5. Old Home Day (August 28, 2021):**

The OHD Committee will hold their next meeting on August 4th. The program has gone to the printers and should be available at the end of next week. Shirts have also been ordered.

1. **Beach:**

The petition that was submitted regarding the life raft went before the Selectmen at their meeting. Herb and Rick addressed the issue and no one from the petition showed so no action was taken. Herb hopes the beach can remain open through August 29th but staffing levels may not allow for that.

1. **Village Field:**

Herb is still waiting on a quote for the repairs to the floor of the bandstand. Also on a quote from Blaine Drew on roofing for the bandstand, dugouts and the maintenance shed. The varsity dugouts at the baseball field need repairs and should have some type of barrier to protect players in the dugout from foul balls. The dead tree by the entrance has been taken down and the dead Liberty Elm by the bandstand needs to come down before Old Home Day.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

Bradley McIntire has begun work on the ice rink and has several scouts and leaders helping him.

1. **2022 Budget Discussion:**

Herb went over issues that he felt needed to be funded for next year and there was discussion on them. He asked for the Commissioners input.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

There was a request to use Lincoln Park for a wedding on Sept. 3 or 4 depending upon the weather. It will be a brief ceremony with no food and only about 16 people. The request was approved.

Girls high school soccer wants to use the Village Field on August 21st from 8:00 to 12:00. Herb said this was not a problem so it was approved.

Next meeting will be on **September 7, 2021 at 5:30** (Note that this is the Tuesday after Labor Day.

1. **Other business:**

Herb will be on vacation August 7 – 15th. Sue King will man the office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report