**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**December 6, 2021**

**Present:**  Lisa ManzBuckley, Jim Glover, Rick Nelson and Dave Smith

Excused: Peter Allen, Tracey Blandford, Thom Francoeur and Miriam York

The meeting was held at the Town Hall in the Police EOC Room and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:32 p.m.

Lisa was appointed as a voting member for this meeting.

1. **Minutes**:

Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting. Rick seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

1. **Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s Report. Numbers have been good for Senior programs and consistent in the Adult Volleyball program. The Santa Land Program went well. Number were lower than normal, particularly on Friday evening, but we still had about 150 children that saw Santa through the two days as well as numerous other children who participated in the various activities. The deadline to submit entries for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest is December 9th. There have been some small changes in numbers in the Youth Basketball Program, but Herb has been able to re-work the rosters and schedules. The Commission decided to table additional discussion on whether or not to hold the Francoeur/Babcock Tournament until the January meeting. The Gunstock Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program is full for this season. Herb discussed an inquiry he received about offering skating lessons this winter. The Commission gave Herb the go ahead to pursue this further.

1. **2022 Budget Discussion:**

Herb reviewed the Budget Committee’s recommendation on the Rec Budget. The upcoming budget schedule includes the Public Hearing on January 13th and the Deliberative Session on February 10th.

1. **Beach:**

Herb let the Commission know that Board of Selectmen reviewed the Commission’s recommendation on Beach Guest Passes, but tabled the discussion until their meeting on December 8th. Rick discussed the possibility of setting aside revenue from Beach Passes to go towards future improvements to the Beach building.

1. **Village Field:**

The repairs have begun on the Village Field Bandstand. The old roof has been stripped off and the rotted ceiling boards have been replaced. Additionally, the cupola has been stripped and re-painted. We are now waiting for the new roof to be put on.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink**

One additional staff member was hired this season to give us a little more flexibility in staffing. The pre-season prep work at the rink has been completed. We had the lights checked and our staff dragged the rink surface and removed any large stones. They also ran a test of the pump and put a little water on the surface to help it firm up quicker. They will begin trying to build ice as soon as we get consistently cold temperatures.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved Bradley McIntire’s request to place a banner at the Ice Rink thanking the sponsors of his Eagle Scout Project. The banner is now up at the rink.

The Commission discussed the current rental rate and decided to increase the hourly rate to $50.00/hr for this season. Rick also talked about looking into potential grants that might reduce the cost of converting our lights to LEDs.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

The Commission reviewed a request from Acton Academy to use the Ice Rink for skating lessons one afternoon a week for three weeks in February. After a brief discussion, the Commission approved their request provided they pay the standard rental rate.

1. **Other business:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022. Herb will check with the Police Dept. to see if the EOC Room would be available.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Greene

Director of Parks and Recreation

Enclosure: Director’s Report