**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 3, 2022**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Peter Allen, Dave Smith, Rick Nelson, and Miriam York

Excused: Tracey Blandford, Thom Francoeur Lisa Manz-Buckley, Jim Glover

The meeting was held at the Town Hall in the Police EOC Room and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:35 p.m.

Peter was appointed as a voting member for this meeting.

1. **Minutes**:

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting. Rick seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

1. **Program Assistant Discussion:**

Herb said that he had had little to no response to his ads in the paper for a part time assistant. The Commission members feel strongly that a full time assistant is needed and a motion was made:

“Rick will address a letter to the Selectmen outlining the reasons why the Commission members feel the need for a full time park and recreation assistant”. The motion was made by Dave and seconded by Rick. The vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

1. **Directors Update:**

Herb reviewed the Directors report. After much discussion it was decided to have a zoom meeting with the members of the All Star tournament and the commission members to discuss whether we should hold a tournament this year. The zoom meeting will take place on Thursday, January 6th at 5:00.

1. **2022 Budget discussion:**

Public hearing – Thursday January 13th at 7:00pm and Deliberative session is on Thursday February 10th at 7:00 both meetings at the High School.

1. **Beach:**

The beach passes were discussed again and suggestions from the Board of Selectmen were reviewed. After discussion, Dave made a motion to “Recommend keeping the rates as suggested by the Board of Selectmen, while also allowing for purchase of a seasonal guest card at the rate of $400.00. Aside from daily passes; weekly guest passes and/or seasonal guest cards shall be limited to one pass per property per week; meaning once a property has purchased a seasonal card it is no long eligible for weekly passes.” Rick seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Herb has already begun advertising for lifeguards for the upcoming season, but has not had much response thus far.

1. **Village Field:**

The roof has been replaced on the Village Field Bandstand. The floor repairs will have to wait until warmer weather. The roof work on the storage shed and dugouts will need to be done during the warmer weather as well. The need to paint the storage shed was also discussed.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink**

The weather hasn’t been conducive to making ice so hopefully that will change now. Ice skating lessons will begin once the ice is made and is usable. Jen Tondreau will offer the lessons.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

There were none.

1. **Other business:**

Herb will be attending the NNE Conference January 11-13th.

Next meeting is scheduled for **February 7, 2022 at 5:30.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report