**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**July 6, 2021**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Rick Nelson, Dave Smith, Thom Francoeur, Peter Allen,

 and Miriam York

Excused: Tracey Blandford, Lisa Manz Buckley,and Jim Glover

The meeting was held at the Gilford Beach and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:32.

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

Minutes of the June 7 2021 meeting were approved as written.

 **3. Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s report. The Community Band Concert on the 14th will be held in the quad behind the Middle School as the band stand doesn’t allow for enough separation of the band members.

1. **Program Assistant Position:**

There was quite a bit of discussion on the need for a full time assistant and the problems of trying to find a part time assistant. Herb stated the number of ways that a full time person would be beneficial, including being the beach manager in the summer. Dave made a motion that was seconded by Thom – “Recommend that a full time assistant be added to the staff and still maintain the current part time position”. The motion passed unanimously.

 **5. Vandalism:**

Herb said that most of the vandalism damage has been repaired and doors replaced.

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

The OHD Committee will hold their next meeting on July 7th. Herb recapped the success of the Town Wide Yard Sale as noted in his Director’s Report.

1. **Beach:**

The raft was successfully moved to the end of the parking lot thanks to the help of Fay’s Boatyard. The beach has been patrolled by two staff at all times and by three during the middle of the day. They try to have two certified lifeguards on duty at all times and so far that has worked well. A petition has been received by the Selectmen over the removal of the swim raft for the summer. The petition will be discussed at the Selectmen’s meeting on July 14 at 7:00 all Commission members are urged to attend. The arts and crafts program has begun at the beach and has been well received.

1. **Village Field:**

The tennis courts have been resurfaced and the courts were reopened on June 28th. There have been a number of positive comments. Herb is waiting on quotes for the repairs to the bandstand

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

The Selectmen approved Bradley McIntire’s Eagle Scout Project at the ice rink and Bradley plans to get started on that this summer.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

No requests.

1. **Other Business:**

Next meeting will be on **August 2 at Lincoln Park** weather permitting..

The meeting adjourned at 6:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report