**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**June 7, 2021**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Thom Francoeur, Peter Allen, Lisa Manz-Buckley, Rick

Nelson, and Miriam York

Excused: Dave Smith, Tracey Blandford, and Jim Glover

The meeting was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:30.

1. Peter and Lisa were appointed as voting members.
2. **Minutes**:

Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

1. **Appointment:**

Members of the Cal Ripken League, Mike Giovanditto, Corey Carroll, and Erica Brough, were present with concerns about our motion last month regarding signage at the Francoeur and Stonewall Fields. After some discussion they left and a motion was made by Thom and seconded by Peter to “Approve Gilford Cal Ripken’s request to seasonally affix signage on the concession stands window side during the season at both the Francoeur and Stonewall Fields which must be removed at the end of the season” The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Program Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s report. The hiking program has been very successful. Both the youth tennis and horse back riding sessions are filled. The archery and golf lessons have been canceled due to lack of instructors. The Code Wiz Minecraft program was canceled due to low enrollment. Fall soccer signups are ongoing

1. **Vandalism:**

Herb showed pictures of the vandalism that has taken place at Stonewall Park, Gilford Beach, and the ice rink. Damage was done to doors and repair work has been done to improve the doors and jambs. Insurance will cover most of the costs. There was discussion on putting in some type of cameras at these locations and what the cost might be.

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

The OHD Committee has held their third meeting on June 2nd. There will be a town wide yard sale on June 19th. The deadline for signing up is Friday June 11th.

1. **Beach:**

The Selectmen were in agreement about not putting the raft in the water this year due to lack of enough lifeguards. The Selectmen authorized that the pay scale for the lifeguards be raised by $2.00. They also were in agreement of having the lifeguards patrol the beach but not be on duty as lifeguards. The raft has been moved further to the right and hopefully Fay’s Boatyard can move it to the far end of parking lot without damaging the structure. The 7th grade cleanup was held on May 28th and the beach looks much better thanks to their help. The official opening of the beach is scheduled for June 19th.

1. **Village Field:**

Matt from building and grounds is working to get a quote on the cost for fixing the decking at the bandstand. He is working on getting the two worst boards replaces as a temporary fix. The varsity dugout had damage done to the roof of one of the dugouts during a strong wind storm. There was discussion on needing to replace both dugouts. Herb will contact the AD at the high school to discuss the problems. Tennis courts will be resurfaced beginning on June 16th and will not be opened to the public until the 24th.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

Scout Bradley McIntire would like to spruce up the entryway to the ice rink as well as repair the boards in the bleachers as well as build some cubbies to hold skaters’ belongings as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Thom made a motion and Peter seconded it to recommend that the Board of Selectmen accept Bradley’s proposal. The vote was unanimous.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

The high school summer soccer programs would like to use the fields for practice and games: The girls Monday and Wednesday evenings in July and the boys Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These are the same requests as in past years and were approved.

The Gilford Youth Center would like to use the beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer. They know that lifeguards will not be on duty and will monitor their kids. This was approved.

The eighth grade teachers would like to bring their students to the beach on June 18th. Lisa made a motion to approve this request and it was seconded byThom. The vote to approve this request was unanimous.

Brian McArdle requested to use Lincoln Park on August 1st at 6:00pm for a wedding. After some discussion a motion was made by Peter and seconded by Thom – “Approve the use of Lincoln Park on August 1st for a wedding with no more than 25 people in attendance and no parking on the road. There will not be any food or drink”. The vote was unanimous in favor of allowing this ceremony.

1. **Other Business:**

Next meeting will be on **July 6th at Gilford Beach** weather permitting. This is a Tuesday as Monday is a town holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report