**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**March 1, 2021**

**Present:** Participating by zoom: Herb Greene, Peter Allen, Thom Francoeur, Rick Nelson, Jim Glover, Tracey Blandford, and Miriam York.

Excused: Dave Smith and Lisa Manz-Buckley

The meeting was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:32.

1. Peter and Tracey were appointed as voting members until Jim arrived.
2. **Minutes**:

Thom made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting as written. Tracey seconded and the motion was passed.

1. **Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s report. There have been two snowshoe hikes with good turnouts. They hope to get in at least one more, weather and conditions permitting. The curling was cancelled last week due to ice conditions but overall the curling has gone well and hopefully will get in another session Thursday evening. Herb feels this may be the last week for the ice rink as temps will begin to rise. Vacation activities had 17 card board sleds with 28 people involved, Nailed it with Oh La La cakes demonstrating decorating the cakes the participants made at home and there were twelve participants for that. The full moon snowshoe hike had twenty-five participants and they went around the fields in the Village. There was only one person registered for the computer coding so that was canceled. Herb will reach out to the Gilford Library and Gilford Youth Center to see if they would be interested in cosponsoring the event.

The Commission discussed doing a Easter story book walk on Saturday April 3rd, the groups would be kept to 15 maximum with mask wearing required. Sue and Herb will work with it and may get the Friends of the Gilford Library and also volunteers from the Gilford Youth Center to help out.

1. **2021 Budget discussion:**

The Deliberative Session went smoothly and voting will take place on March 9th at the Community Center.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

The rink is in pretty good shape and with cold weather this week it should be fine for all activities. There have been lots of rentals and the rink has been very busy. This may be the last week if the weather starts warming up.

1. **Village Field:**

Herb has sent out bid requests and the deadline to submit sealed bids ts April 5th at 4:00 pm..

1. **Beach:**

The beach manager is not returning and one of the senior staff has been offered the position. Invitations have been sent out to past lifeguards and ads have been placed in the newspaper. There is one gate keeper opening. The maintenance crew is returning. Some of the lifeguards need to renew their certifications.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

Request from the Gilford Cal Ripkin league to use the Francoeur and Stonewall Park fields for their spring baseball season. Approved

1. **Other business:**

There was some discussion on the condition of the Francoeur and Stonewall Fields last year. Part of the problem was the drought and the other was with the sprinkler systems and damaged sprinkler heads. That should be corrected for the coming season.

Next meeting will be held on April 5, 2021 at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure:

Director’s Report