**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**November 1, 2021**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Peter Allen, Lisa ManzBuckley, Tracey Blandford, Dave Smith, Thom Francoeur, Rick Nelson and Miriam York

Excused: Jim Glover

The meeting was held at the Town Hall in the Police EOC Room and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:30.

Peter and Tracey were appointed as voting members. When Miriam York arrived, she replaced Tracey as a voting member. Herb took minutes until Miriam arrived at the start of 3. Programs Update.

1. **Minutes**:

Peter made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting. Rick seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

1. **Program Assistant Position:**

Herb and Miriam interviewed the one applicant in early October. They both felt she would have made a good addition to the department. Unfortunately, when a job offer was extended to her she declined stating she had accepted a position elsewhere. Herb will re-advertise for the position.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Greene

1. **Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s Report. The Spooky Story Walk was cancelled due to rain and muddy conditions. There were over 160 kids at the

Halloween Party at the Middle School. The costumes were great and there were a lot of 8th graders helping with the games and crafts. Youth basketball registration is open. The school district’s protocol procedures will be followed. Herb will check with other bb programs around the area but it was felt that we would be better off to not play other bb teams due to COVID concerns. Also the Commission agreed to no Babcock/Francoeur this year. Santa Land is scheduled for December 3rd and 4th at the Community Center.

1. **Beach:**

Herb let the Commission know that Board of Selectmen are planning to review the guest pass policy at the Town Beach and had asked for the Commission’s input. Herb reviewed the number of passes sold in recent years and gave his input. After discussion the Commission came to a consensus to recommend, “Increasing the cost of all weekly temporary passes from $25.00 per week to $50.00 per week and limiting passes to one pass per property per week and increase the cost of seasonal guest cards from $200.00 per card to $400.00 per card.”

1. **Village Field:**

The repairs to the bandstand have been approved and the work on the ceiling and deck should be done this month.

1. **2022 Budget Discussion:**

Herb will be meeting with someone from the budget committee on November 9th and the whole budget committee on the 18th.

1. **Lincoln Park:**

The company that fixed the retaining wall came back and repaired the wall and fortified one section with cement.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink**

Herb reviewed a request from Bradley McIntire asking to be able to place a banner recognizing the businesses that supported his Eagle Scout project at the Ice Rink. After a brief discussion, Thom made a motion to, “Recommend the Board of Selectmen allow the placing of the banner on the inside of the fencing, adjacent to the storage cubbies and facing the rink and

to be limited to the 2021-2022 ice rink season.” Dave seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1 with Rick voting against the motion. Herb will forward the recommendation onto the Board of Selectmen.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

There were no requests.

1. **Other business:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report