**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**September 7, 2021**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Tracey Blandford, Rick Nelson, Dave Smith, Peter Allen,

 Jim Glover, and Miriam York

Excused: Thom Francoeur and Lisa Manz Buckley

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

1. Peter and Tracey were appointed as voting members. When Jim Glover arrived he replaced Tracey as a voting member.
2. **Minutes**:

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

 **3. Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s report. Herb went over the summer activities. The Seacoast United Soccer Camp went well and Herb will ask them to return next year. Herb said numbers are very good in the fall Youth Soccer program with a large increase in participation from last year.

1. **Program Assistant Position:**

Herb has advertised in the newspaper for a program assistant and still has had no takers. It is the feeling of the Commission that we need to have a full time assistant.

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

The Old Home Day was a success and the weather cooperated. There was a good crowd for the parade and other events and the fireworks were spectacular. The Community Band did not perform as there weren’t enough members available. Everything else was a go for the day and evening.

1. **Beach:**

The Beach was open from June 19 to August 26 for a total of 69 days with just three days that closed early due to weather. There were no rescues.

1. **Village Field:**

Herb has received a quote from Drew’s Affordable Steel Roofing to put new metal roofs on the varsity dugouts and the maintenance shed and a new shingle roof on the bandstand. However, replacement of the decking and repairs to the under roofing on the bandstand need to be completed before a new roof can be put on. The Building and Grounds Dept. is awaiting a quote for this addition repair work.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

Bradley McIntire is about finished with his Scout project with repairs to the bleachers and walk way into the rink.

1. **2022 Budget Discussion:**

Herb reviewed his list of budget requests for the coming year with long term needs that will need to be addressed at some point. His report is due to Scott Dunn next week. Herb meets with the Selectmen on October 5th and the budget committee in November.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

Cal Ripken Baseball requested the use of the Francoeur Field on Saturday and Tuesday evenings until the beginning of October.

Youth football would like to use the ice rink for practice during inclement weather.

PTA movie night at the Village Field Friday Sept. 24th 6:00-10:00 pm

All requests were granted.

1. **Other business:**

Herb will be attending the national conference Sept. 20-24th.

Next meeting will be on **October 4, 2021 at 5:30.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report