

GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

January 6, 2020

Present: Herb Greene, Rick Nelson, Peter Allen, Lisa Manz-Buckley,
Thom Francoeur, Dave Smith, Jim Glover, and Miriam York

Excused: Tracey Blandford

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

1. Peter was appointed as voting member until Jim Glover arrived.

2. **Minutes:**

The minutes of December 3, 2019 were approved as written.

3. **Stonewall Park:**

Guest: Michael Murray spoke about his reasons for wanting Stonewall Park renamed in honor of his father. Several questions were asked and Michael was going to get back to Herb with some dates. His request was tabled until next meeting.

4. **Programs update:**

Herb reviewed the director's report. Santa Land was well attended even though there was a snowstorm on Friday night. A big THANK YOU was given to Rick and Brenda Nelson for their years of being Mr. & Mrs Claus. The ski program will get started tomorrow evening. The youth basketball All-Star selection schedule was discussed. A new camp for the summer soccer program was discussed. We are planning to offer a second soccer camp, Global Premier Soccer Camp in addition to the Challenger Soccer Camp. Also the Sciensational Workshop has gone out of business and will be replaced by the Funtastic Workshop also the Lego robotics will no longer be available this far north in NH.

5. **2020 Budget:**

The Budget Committee agreed with the changes that were made at the last meeting. Upcoming budget scheduled public hearing January 16th at 7:00pm and the deliberative session February 6th at 7:00pm.

6. **Ice Rink:**

The ice conditions have varied depending on the weather. The entryway to the rink was damaged by a town truck and had to be taken down. It can't be properly repaired until spring due to the frost in the ground. The curling program is delayed until there

are more consistent ice conditions. The Commission discussed the Convenient Care MD request to sponsor the rink and put up banners down there. A motion was made by Rick Nelson and seconded by Thom Francoeur to “ Recommend the approval of the sponsorship of Convenient Care MD at the ice rink with them handling the cost and any repairs of the banner, pending approval by the Board of Selectmen,. The Commission recommends that the money from this sponsorship be put in a separate account to be used for capital improvements at the rink”. Motion was unanimously approved.

7. Facility use request:

There were no requests

8. Other business:

Herb will be attending the NNE Conference January 7-9, 2020.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2020 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York
Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report

Director's Report for January 6, 2020

Programs

Our Adult Volleyball program has continued to have steady participation week in and week out. Although we had to cancel our last scheduled evening in December due to weather. Due to a break over the holidays and a night off while Sue is filling in at the ski program, this program will be taking four weeks off consecutively. Our Annual Santa Land Program that we co-sponsor with the Gilford Youth Center went very well. Numbers were down slightly on Friday night, likely due to the snowfall that evening. Overall, the flow of the event went very well, and we were very pleased with the outcome. Youth Basketball has started off pretty well with our first two weekends of games in the books, which was followed by one weekend off due to the holidays. Games will pick back up on January 4th. Our Rec season will continue through the first weekend of February. I'll be looking to coordinate with our All-Star selection committee to schedule meetings with interested coaches prior to player tryouts, which are scheduled for Saturday, January 18th. We continue to have a very strong attendance in our Senior Moment-um Programs. Our Annual Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon was once again a great success, with our largest attendance to date. Our Senior Walking program has gotten off to a slow start with a scheduling conflict the first week and low attendance the second week. We're hoping this will pick back-up after the holidays. We held our chaperone information meeting for our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program that begins in early January. The numbers for the programs we've run the past month are as follows:

- Adult Volleyball – 18-22 Participants each week
- Santa Land Program – Over 280 Children through the event over the two days
- Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon – 66 Participants (plus three takeout trays for participants who were unable to attend)
- Senior Moment-um Garland Program – 6 Participants (lost a couple participants when we had to re-schedule due to weather)
- Youth Basketball Program – 108 Participants
- Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie – 19 Participants
- Weekly Senior Walking Program – 2 Participants thus far

Planning and registration is underway for a number of upcoming winter programs. Our Gunstock Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program is scheduled to begin on January 7th. We have a huge turnout with record numbers again this season, with an increase of 24 participants over what we had last year. Registration is still open for our Cross Country Ski Lessons offered at Bolduc Park, which begins in January. We still have quite a few tickets left for our Celtics Bus Trip, which we are co-sponsoring with the Belmont Recreation Department in the Middle of March. Sue is currently working on the upcoming schedule for Senior Moment-um programs. Program. Planning is underway for Adult Curling, which will likely start in January, dependent ice conditions. We are currently holding off on scheduling any pre-school or snowshoe activities, until we're able to fill our vacant part-time Program Assistant position. Here is a list of planned programs for January and the dates they will run:

- Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program runs Tuesday evenings January 7th – 28th
- Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday (starting back up on January 14th)
- Senior Walking Programs runs every Wednesday

- Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Lessons begin on January 4th
- Senior Moment-um T-Bones Trip on January 6th
- Senior Moment-um Soup and CAP Speaker on January 13th
- Adult Curling will run on Thursday evenings once conditions allow
- Senior Moment-um Winter Potluck on January 27th
- Senior Moment-um Dinner and GMS Show on January 29th
- Youth Basketball Rec Season runs through February 1st

Facilities

The Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink Officially opened for the season on Monday, December 23rd. Due to some mild temperatures towards the end of December, we did have to close the rink temporarily. There was also an issue with a plow truck backing into the supporting posts of the entryway, causing the entry way roof to collapse. We are looking into options to fix this issue.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director