**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**April 4, 2022**

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

Excused: Tracey Blandford

The meeting was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:33 p.m.

Lisa was appointed as a voting member until Jim arrived for this meeting.

1. **Minutes**:

The minutes of March 7, 2022 were approved as written

1. **Full Time Position Discussion:**

Herb, Thom, and Miriam interviewed 6 applicants and were pleased with the results. Herb will do some checking references on several of the candidates before making an offer.

1. **Directors Update:**

Herb reviewed the Directors report. The Bunny Hop Story Walk will take place after school on Friday April 15th with 7 kids max per group. The breakfast will be on Saturday the 16th 8:00 – 10:00 am.

1. **2022 Budget discussion:**

The budget passed at town voting.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink**

The ice rink was able to be open during the vacation week and closed for the season on March 7th. There was discussion on possibly changing the times for open skating and stick and puck. Also the need of replacing the current lights with LED lights so that the lights could be on more as they are cheaper to operate. The cost of changing to LED lights is quite high but in the long run would save money.

1. **Beach:**

Two new lifeguard stands have been built but have not been installed yet. Herb has received six applications for lifeguarding. Twelve full time and two part time lifeguards are needed for a full rotation during the week. Hopefully we will be able to offer swim lessons again. May hire non- lifeguards to patrol the beach so that swim classes can be held. Herb shared feedback he received from a resident regarding beach operations and the Commission briefly discussed their concerns

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

High school summer soccer requested use of the Village field as in the past. Use of two tennis courts for home school students on Wednesdays in June from 10:00 to noon. Also Match Play tennis 11:00-1:00p.m. for six weeks on two or three courts on Tuesday and Thursday. These requests were approved

1. **Other business:**

Stars Above Circus would like to hold a show in Gilford. The time would be the week before Old Home Day so the Commission said no as too many complications and no real place to hold a show.

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 2, 2022 at 5:30.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report