**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**February 1, 2021**

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

Excused: Jim Glover and Tracey Blandford,

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

1. Peter was appointed as a voting member.
2. **Minutes**:

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting as written. Miriam seconded and the motion was passed.

1. **Programs Update:**

Herb reviewed the Director’s report. The walking program has gone well with 12 participants for most sessions. Sue has started doing a poker walk and Herb explained how that works. Ski and snowboarding went very well. Gunstock was very well organized and after the first week things went smoothly. Conditions at Bolduc Park have not been good so they will add a few more weeks to the program. At the ice rink curling has begun after a few problems with ice conditions. Herb says they hope to begin some snowshoe hike next week provided we get the predicted snow. Herb also discussed several programs during the February vacation. There were 13 responses to the survey on computer coding so that may go on during February vacation with “Code Wiz”.

1. **2021 Budget discussion:**

The Deliberative Session will be held on February 2. May be done by zoom, Herb was unsure how these will be handled but will keep us posted.

Town voting is on March 9th at the Gilford Youth Center.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink:**

The rink is in good shape now and curling will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30. There have been several rentals and the rink has been very

busy.

1. **Village Field:**

All four of the tennis courts will be resurfaced this year with double coatings on the courts since it was only a single coat the last time the courts were resurfaced. This will be done after the high school season and before the summer season starts. Tennis lessons will be held like last summer.

1. **Beach:**

The same snack bar operator will be returning and Herb will get a contract out to him. Letters have gone out to last years staff inviting them back again. Deadline for their answers will be March 1st and then Herb will put ads in the paper for the positions needing to be filled. There were some concerns about COVD regulations and Herb will check with other towns to see what their rules are and also will follow State guidelines. The Commission will address these rules and restrictions at our April meeting. Two lifeguard stands will be constructed by the high school building class and should be in place by the summer. The gate is now open for ice fishing.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

There were none.

 **8. Other business:**

Next meeting will be held on March 1, 2021 at 5:30.

 The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Miriam A. York

 Secretary

 Enclosure:

 Director’s Report