**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**June 6, 2022**

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

Excused: Rick Nelson, Tracey Blandford

The meeting was held at the Town Beach and was called to order by Thom Francoeur at 5:33 p.m.

Peter and Lisa were appointed as voting members until Jim arrived for this meeting then Lisa was removed as a voting member

1. **Minutes**:

The minutes of May 2, 2022 were approved as written

1. **Directors Update:**

Herb reviewed the Directors report. Herb reviewed the summer programs and reminded us that the Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on June 18th.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink**

Herb handed out a proposed schedule for the ice rink. It has alternating times for free skate and stick and puck during the week. This was approved by the Commission and will be tried out next winter. Signage will be made and posted at the rink.

1. **Beach:**

Two new lifeguard stands have been installed and look good. There is still a need for more lifeguards. There will be an orientation for the lifeguards on Thursday of this week and then scheduling for the summer will be done. Swim lessons and the number of towers in use will be determined. It is hoped to have several swim lessons available. The raft and Jim Buoys are in place in the water. Jenny completed her WSI training and is now certified.

There are a number of floats under the raft that need to be replaced and it

was then agreed that all those that are questionable should be replaced before next summer at a cost of $2,300.00 and will have a ten year warranty on them. Plumbing leaks and issues have been repaired. The beach cleanup by the 7th grade was held on June 2nd and they did a good job. A ramp will be added to the end of the concession stand walkway for safety reasons.

1. **Gilford Old Home Day:**

The third meeting was held on June 1st and things are progressing on schedule. Reminder of town wide yard sale on June 18th in support of Old Home Day.

1. **Village Field;**

Wood chips were delivered and spread around the playground area (and also under the swings at the Town Beach). Chaisson Carpentry has completed the work on the floor of the bandstand. They had to replace some under- pinings as well at one of the steps. There was some vandalism on the Varsity Baseball Field as a vehicle did donuts and tore up the turf. This issue was reported to the Police Department and repairs are underway. The HS Varsity Baseball coach, Mike Giovanditto, would like to see the dugouts at the Varsity Field replaced for safety reasons. It is hoped that perhaps the Cal Ripken, org.,Town, and School can each contribute approx.. $5,000. each to make these repairs happen. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Peter to “Recommend that up to $5,000.00 be taken from the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the repair or replacement of the Varsity Baseball dugouts contingent upon matching funds coming from other sources”. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Facility Use Request:**

Babe Ruth Baseball wants to use the Varsity Baseball Field on June 12, 18, and 21 for games. Herb said there were no conflicts so that was approved.

1. **Other Business:**

Next meeting is scheduled for **June 27, 2022 at 5:30 at the Village Field**

**Gazebo. Please bring your own chair. Please note date change due to July 4th being a Monday.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report