**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

 **May 1, 2023**

Present: Herb Greene, Peter Allen, Lisa Manz-Buckley, Rick Nelson,

 Thom Francoeur, Sue King, Jenny Hancock, and Miriam York. Also in attendance were Holly Burbank, Dan Barnhart,

 Chris Banks

 Excused: Jim Glover and Dave Smith

 The meeting was called to order at 5:30.

 **1.** Peter and Lisa were appointed as voting members.

1. **Minutes of the April 3, 2023** meetingwere approved as written.
2. **Election of Officers -**  A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Lisa “ Rick Nelson remain as Chairman, Thom Francoeur as Vice Chair and Miriam York as Secretary”. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Beach Building Update:**  Holly Burbank reported that Scott

Dunn has two possible design architects for the building project. He is on vacation this week. Chris Banks commented that the project needed to get started and that we needed to have our needs for the building developed before anything can go any further. Plans need to be drawn up by this fall so that they can be included in the budget to be voted on at Town Meeting in March. This would allow bids to go out immediately after voting. There is some asbestos in the wall paneling but not in the flooring or exterior. Dan Barnhart said the three bay sink is here and will be put in this week or next, he has all the licensing and permits in hand for this coming year. Plans to open concession stand Memorial Weekend.

**5. Parks and Recreation Director Position Update:**

Jenny Hancock was selected for the Director’s position and was welcomed by the Commissioners.

1. **Directors Report:**

Herb reported that the Easter programs went well with good attendance for the Bunny Hop Story Walk with 88 participants and the breakfast

with 150. April vacation went well. Summer programs are available on the web site and the program brochures have been printed.

1. **2023 Budget Discussion:**

The Selectmen approved the LED lights for the tennis courts and Jim Hutchins has ordered the lights. He will install the lights after the HS tennis season is over as some of the fencing will have be taken down to allow the hoist to get into position for the replacements.

 **8. Beach:**

Herb received a call from a local citizen inquiring about getting a “No

 Rafting Zone” permit for the area just outside the ropes. Herb said the

 Town can’t petition that from the state, it has to be done by a private

 Citizen and it has to go through the NH Marine Patrol. It was felt that

 Rafting in that area has not been a problem. However, the citizen is

welcome to submit a petition to Marine Patrol on her own, or she is

welcome to make an appointment to attend a future Commission meeting

to discuss this issue further.

 So far there are three Life Guards that have been hired and applications have

 gone out to several more. Swim lessons will be held based on staff

 availability. The swim raft and the JIM buoys will be put in on May 24th

 with Eric Bredbury and DPW working together. Thom asked if it would

be possible to have WiFi at the beach for the Manager.

 **9. Gilford Old Home Day:**

 Next meeting scheduled for May 3rd and the Community Dinner for

 May 11th.

 **10. Village Field:**

 The roofs are on the dugouts. The old storage shed at the Cal Ripken

 Francoeur Field has been torn down and the new building put up

within the next two weeks.

 **11. Lincoln Park Discussion:**

Rick wants to make sure that DPW keeps on top of the trimming and

 thining of trees and brush.

 **12. Facility Use Request:**

The 8th grade staff requested using the Gilford Beach for their end of

 the school year party on June 15th from 9:45 am-1:45 pm. It was requested

 that theyclean up the area before they leave. A motion was made by Rick

 and seconded by Thom to approve the 8th grade request. The motion

 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

**The next meeting will be on June 5, 2023 at 5:30.**

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosures – Director’s report