**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**May 2, 2022**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Jenny Hancock, Sue King, Lisa Manz-Buckley, Peter Allen, Rick Nelson, Thom Francoeur, Dave Smith and Jim Glover

Excused: Miriam York and Tracey Blandford

The meeting was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:31 p.m.

Lisa was appointed as a voting member for this meeting.

1. **Recreation Specialist Introduction:**

Herb introduced newly hired Recreation Specialist, Jenny Hancock to the Commission. Jenny gave a brief background on herself and the Commission is happy to have her on board.

1. **Minutes**:

The minutes of April 4, 2022 were approved as written

1. **Directors Update:**

Herb reviewed the Directors report. The Bunny Hop Story Walk and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny events both went well. Herb and Sue ran a Vacation Fund Day program during April Vacation week. Herb informed the Commission that the Summer Brochure is completed and registration has opened for most of the summer programs.

1. **Gilford Ice Rink**

The Commission reviewed three potential options for changes to the Ice Rink schedule for next season. After some brief discussion, the Commission came up with an alternative schedule to those that were reviewed. Herb will draft up a new schedule based on the proposed suggestion for review at the next meeting.

1. **Beach:**

Herb is anticipating hiring a number of new lifeguard staff for this summer, however a number of the new hires are contingent upon the individuals passing the lifeguard course and a number of the new hires have some schedule limitations. Even with the limitations, Herb said he is anticipating having guards in towers. However, they may need to make some modifications to the size of the guarded swim area and/or the hours that guards are in towers. He also anticipates that they will be able to offer some swim lessons this summer, although availability may be limited. Two new lifeguard stands have been built and Herb is coordinating with DPW to have them installed by the end of the month. With lifeguards going back in towers, the swim raft will be going back in this season. Herb said Fay’s Boat Yard is willing to help move the raft back and he is trying to coordinate with both the Boat Yard and DPW to schedule a time to do so.

1. **Village Field**

Herb informed the Commission that new GHS Varsity Baseball Coach, Mike Giovanditto, has reached out regarding the dugouts at on the Varsity Baseball Field. He would like to pursue replacing the dugouts to match the newly constructed dugouts at Stonewall Park and the Francoeur Field. Mike is looking into potential donations and funding sources through the school, but also wanted to know if any funding might be available through the town. His hope is to have new dugouts built for next season. He will be in touch moving forward.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

The Commission approved a request from the GMS to bring the 8th grade class to the beach for a field trip on June 17th. The Commission also approved requests from the GES Summer Program and the GYC Summer Camp to bring their programs to the beach weekly through the summer as they’ve done in the past.

1. **Other business:**

Thom inquired about the time frame for selecting scholarship winners for the Aaron T. Francoeur Scholarship. Herb has communicated with the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and is awaiting confirmation of the date for their annual “Donor Day”. Herb will follow-up with the selection committee once he has more information.

Next meeting is scheduled for **June 6, 2022 at 5:30pm, to be held at the Gilford Town Beach (weather dependent).**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Greene

Gilford Parks and Recreation Director

Enclosure: Director’s Report