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GRAFTON RECREATION COMMISSION

February 6, 2023

Zoom Meeting

A Recreation Commission meeting was held on **February 6, 2023**, via Zoom. Commissioners in attendance were Michael Bruny, Stephen Crowley, and Kristen Belanger. Jen Andersen and Mary Sevon were also in attendance. Kayla Cushman arrived late to the meeting at 7:08 pm. Dan Fitzgerald, a resident at 11 Patricia Drive, and Adriene Mampe, a soon-to-be addition to the Commission also attended via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Belanger called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a Zoom roll call.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Crowley motioned to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting. Mr. Bruny seconded. All approved. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Review of Bills:** Bills from January were reviewed.
4. **Correspondence:** Two pieces of correspondence were shared with the group. An email from a parent requesting pre-care at the Summer Days camp. Last year Summer Days offered both pre-care and post-care for camper. Pre-care covered 8-9 AM and post-care covered 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Discussion regarding the starting of regular business hours and the difficulty of working parents having to wait until after 9AM to get to work versus the challenge of the long day of the staff who have to cover the extended hours. Ms. Belanger recommended a staggering the start times for some staff in order to be able to cover the hours without making the day longer for all staff. As few families took advantage of pre-care and only one family reached out, the discussion was concluded.

The second piece of correspondence was regarding the need for inclusion programming within the Recreation Department offerings. Cody Herd at the Recreation Department has reached out to several area programs to see if we could partner with them to allow Grafton residents to access their programming. It is still in the early stages. Ms. Belanger commented that maybe just having a resource such as a list of regional programming might be a good start.

5. **ARPA Funding Update:** Ms. Andersen met with a contractor and has one quote. We need 2 quotes to move forward with the process. The process is moving forward. The money will be used for the Pickleball court redo/repair and the Master Plan.

6. **Commissioner Reports – CPC, OSRP, Programming/Events:**
 - OSRP:** None
 - CPC:** A grant for has been filled out for Norcross Park. The town is providing 42% of the ask. The cost is \$397,000 and we are asking \$227,000.
 - Ms. Belanger shared that the Town Planner is applying for \$75,000 for a trail system. Ms. Andersen was not aware of this information.
 - Ms. Belanger stated Justin Wood from CPC has requested more details regarding what has been completed on the CPC funded ADA improvements versus what was required and how the remaining funds are being handled with a possible termination of contract.
 - Ms. Belanger has also indicated that the Town Common Project is mostly done. There was an issue with the railing on the gazebo, plans to take out the light post in the middle of the common, and a wait for the granite.
 - Programming:** Mr. Bruny indicated that Pickleball seems to be going well indoors. The wristbands are working well.

7. **Director Report:**
 - Ms. Andersen has submitted the CPC Norcross Playground application.
 - The Spring/Summer Registration opened on February 6th. Summer Days Camp for 6-10 year olds sold out in under 7 minutes. Registration was successful with new staff on board.
 - GCTH survey was sent to sponsors and Frosty Stops so the results will be reviewed soon.
 - The office is now promoting Spring programming.
 - Silver Lake:* No Beach Director has been hired at this time. Other staff positions are first open for previous counselors and beach staff. Ms. Andersen is contacting previous employees to fill open positions before posting.
 - Ms. Cushman wanted to revisit the elimination of the nonresident day pass at Silver Lake. She offered up the idea of Grafton residents being able to bring non-resident guests. Any problems at the beach can then be relayed to the resident for consequences. This idea can be reviewed at the next Commission meeting.
 - Adult Pick Up Games are scheduled for March 31st and May 19th.
 - Upcoming events include the Road Race on May 13th and the Someone Special Dance on April 14th. Both events would welcome Commissioner support.

8. At 7:48 pm Mr. Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bruny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will on March 6, 2023.