

Shelburne Recreation Committee

***Draft* Minutes**

Monday, September 28, 2020

*** Meeting held via teleconference**

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Ann Clark, Susan McClellan, Kelli Magnier, Renee Davitt and Bruce Whitbeck

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: None

Meeting Called To Order at 7:03 pm

Minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report: See written report attached. The following summary of events were presented and discussed:

- From March through May, all planned Spring activities were cancelled and refunds were provided.
- From May through July, Art Camp, with 10 participants, was held. Other camps that ran went great, with a lot of enthusiasm, but there were a lot of cancellations.
- Back To The Beach was cancelled, as was the Summer Concert Series. Fireworks were paid for, and a follow-up with sponsors are needed to help roll-over funds to purchase fireworks for next year.
- In June, hiring took place for Shelburne Beach; which has had a very busy season.
- The soccer program had a late start due to state guidelines and our protocols were based around those guidelines. There were 225 participants, compared to a usual size of 260-270. Girls were strong, while boys and mites were down in attendance. Game start times were staggered, and everyone had to wear masks.
- Afterschool Crossfit Kids program is running successfully at the Fieldhouse this fall. Great to see kids outdoors and exercising in a safe, controlled environment.
- Even though the state is into Phase 3 of returning to "normal" from Covid-19, Lee has decided to keep access to the Town Center Gym and meeting rooms closed. The school has also not opened access to its indoor facilities to outside groups yet.

Halloween Costume Contest: The Rotary has approached Betsy about a Halloween parade and costume contest. Lee is in favor of a parade, and support from both the Police and Fire Departments have been given. Nothing has been posted as of the night of this meeting. Betsy stated that none of the usual after parade activities will take place. Thoughts are that the costume contest could take place prior to the parade with enough volunteers. Utilizing one of the baseball fields, idea would be for participants to enter the outfield spaced far apart in a decided upon group sizes. Judges would be spaced apart from one another in the bleachers. Discussion about the amount of time required for volunteers was discussed, but most (if not all) of the members agreed to participate.

Budget Update: The annual budget ended up actually doing well, mainly because of non-spending. So far this year we're ok, but with no programs running the budget will begin to decline. Soccer was strong for revenue. Zoom classes are a possibility, but it should be done to benefit the Shelburne Rec. Dept.

Winter Programming: Discussion was had on what safe programs and activities could be held (like the Zoom Classes). Betsy asks the committee to share any ideas that they might have.

Other Business: Ann brought up concerns (as has been discussed before) of the beach ordinance and dogs. Sadly there's no way to enforce the restriction. Susan has volunteered to bring the matter up at the next Select Board Meeting. Ann also raised concern that though out the Covid-19 shutdown the basketball courts at Davis Park and playgrounds in Town remained available. Betsy stressed that activities were being monitored at the park, and that the decision to let the activities remain available were not made by the Rec. Dept.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Director's Report

March – May, 2020: All programs cancelled (11 spring programs plus ongoing year-long programs). Any participants who were registered were issued a refund.

June 2020: Slowly started to resume some programming. Successfully ran small art camp with Roadhouse studios. Pickleball Lessons also began in June with an enthusiastic group. Everyone adjusted to the new regulations and protocol for safety.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the "Back to the Beach" community event planned in June. However, the Beach was able to open with staffing and few changes and the summer was extremely busy with the nice weather we had and the number of people staying close to home. We ended up selling 1102 season passes and 721 day passes. We grossed our highest ever season sales at \$19,876.

Fiscal year end '19-'20: Several items/projects we planned to do in the spring were cancelled as strict orders were issued on budget savings and “essential” spending only. As a result, our Rec budget came out in good standing at the end of the fiscal year. Budgeted revenue was estimated at \$156,270 and actual revenue came in at \$145,485 (93.1%). Budgeted expenses were estimated at \$349,936 and actual expenses came in at \$307,516 (87.9%).

Summer Camps and Programs: We were able to successfully run the following programs this summer, though with many changes and adjustments to protocol and structure: Redhawk Soccer Camp, Tennis Lessons, Basketball Camp, Horse camp, Swim Lessons, Field Hockey Camp, and Community Gardens. We ended up cancelling Rocket Camp and GPS Soccer Camp. Although we were able to manage program sizes, we could not run any special events this summer with the large gathering restrictions. The Summer Concert Series and Fireworks were cancelled due to the State restrictions on public gathering at that time.

Fall Programs: Fall Soccer is off to a great start, though it was a delayed start this year. We have 225 kids playing in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. This is smaller than normal, but still a really strong number considering many families chose not to participate due to COVID, or because of playing with masks on. We cancelled the pre-school program this year, but are happy to still be able to offer a strong program to get kids out to play at the older levels. They need it more than ever this year! We also have an After School Crossfit Kids program going. However, that is the extent of our currently fall programing this year. Many of our traditional fall programs that start in Sept. are not happening as we are not allowed indoor building use. These include: Karate, Men’s Basketball, Adult Volleyball, Tai Chi, Yoga, Early Morning Boot Camp, babysitting class, etc.

Winter Programming: At this time, we are not able to plan any indoor programs as we cannot use the school or Town building space. Youth Basketball and the After School Ski Program are “to be determined”. We are hopeful that restrictions will lift, but for now, we are restricted.