

Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Erin Lucas, Recreation Director, called meeting to order 7:01 pm
 - a. Members Present: Sarah Bentley, Amy Monahan, Kathy LaBonte, Marie Chamberlin, Sue Swan
 - b. Others Present: None
2. **Approve Minutes from Meeting on January 9, 2023**
 - a. A ***Motion** was made by Sue Swan to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on January 9, 2023. ***Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin. No Discussion. ***Motion passed** with one abstention.
3. **Recreation Director Report**
 - a. Current Programs
 - i. Senior Knitting- Will discontinue if no new interests. Wednesday 10-12 in room 1
 - ii. 5-8 Basketball- Regular season games are complete. Playoffs are in progress.
 1. Wentworth Tournament- This tournament will run February 27th thru March 10th at Woodstock Middle School. Scoreboard operators and referees have been secured for every game.
 - iii. K-4 Basketball- runs until February 25th with very high numbers this season.
 - iv. Winter Volleyball- also had record numbers this year, runs through February 26th
 - v. Lego- starts tomorrow, February 14th
 - vi. Ski Club- going well, there has been one cancellation so this program will end on February 28th
 - vii. Sponsorships- There are currently 5 committed sponsors for a total of \$5600 to date. Erin continues to reach out additional prospects.
 - b. Upcoming Programs
 - i. Line Dancing
 1. Will be held this Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the Senexet Grange at 2 pm. This class filled up quickly and more are on wait list than the actual class list. Erin plans to wait until after first class for planning additional options.
 - ii. Babysitting- Upcoming session will be April 17th & 18th and is full at this time. There is a wait list for this program and the possibility to run a joint program with Thompson to ensure that wait list students from both towns get the option to take this course.
 - iii. Easter Egg Hunt- Scheduled for April 1st at 1 pm with a rain date of April 8th
 - iv. Clean Up to Green Up- Kickoff on April 2nd at the Roseland Park Barn
 1. Amy has secured free cone cards from Buck's Soft Serve for prizes in WMS and WES winning classrooms. Erin is in need of adult prizes. The commission has decided to create a scratch ticket prize and will bring tickets to the next meeting. The tickets for disposal at the transfer station have been created and approved by John Navarro. Marie noted that kids need safe places off the road to participate and a list of those locations should be created.
 - v. Spring Lego- Stem into Spring will run April 20th thru may 25th on Thursdays.
 - vi. Drama- Erin is working on a schedule for two drama sessions – elementary and middle school groups that would also run April thru May. She would like to have a showcase on the stage at the Grange at the end of the program.

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- vii. Printmaking- This program is for grades 2-4 with a \$10 supply fee. Erin is looking for old shirts that can be used for smocks. March 6th - April 3rd at WES in the art room.
- viii. Seniors- New programming with help from Woodstock Academy.
 - 1. Woodstock Academy STRIVE club has offered to facilitate the following upcoming senior events-
 - a. Painting on March 7th
 - b. Board Games & Puzzles on April 21st
 - c. BINGO on May 16th
- ix. Memorial Day Race- Registration is open through the racing company. The new 2023 logo is super fun and complete.
- x. Squirt Soccer- Starts April 29th on the North Common, registration is now open.
- xi. After School Volleyball- Schedule has not been created yet, will be with Janet Abbott.
- xii. Spring Volleyball- There will be two sessions march 19th thru May 21st at Pomfret School.
- xiii. Tag Sale- Erin is waiting for the commencement date to schedule this event. It will be either June 10th or 17th depending on commencement.
- xiv. Summer Sports (volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf)- still being determined at this point.
- xv. Pony Camp- waiting for dates from Stargazer Farms
- xvi. Concerts- The Grace Gourmet food truck will be set up at all concerts. All concerts will start a 7 pm at Roseland Cottage.
 - 1. June 23rd- Dynamite Rhythm
 - 2. July 21st – Patty Tuite & Band
 - 3. August 11th - Flamingo
- c. Discussion: New or Old Business, budget
 - i. Erin discussed funding for Recreation Department. To date, our revenue is above costs for Recreation programs and events and it looks we will break even for the year.
 - ii. Summer Fun Guide- has been designed and is waiting for final information/dates needed.
 - iii. Beach Party Planning- Aim for Saturday, August 19th from noon to 5 pm
 - 1. Fundraising idea using “legacy funding”- painting mural on building and have people sponsor the blooms & butterflies. This would tie into the Conservation Garden being created by Girl Scout Dilan Mayo.
 - 2. Fundraising idea of Selling Woodstock Beach Towel and/or Beach bag- Maybe design contest.
 - 3. Live Music- Erin will reach out to Trigger South to see if they have interest in playing this type of family venue.
 - 4. Food – Grace Gourmet, Lions Club and RaRa’s trucks will be contacted for setting up at this event.
 - 5. Activities to consider- Cornhole, badminton/volleyball, scavenger hunt, face painting, henna, Lifeguards, Hula dancing contest, hula hoops & water balloons for kid’s activities.
 - 6. Parking needs to be addressed and a plan created for parking.

4. Citizens Comments

- a. None

5. Adjournment

- a. ***Motion** made Sarah Bentley by to Adjourn. ***Seconded** by Kathy LaBonte. ***The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month’s meeting for approval/amendments.