

Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Sarah Bentley called meeting to order 7:03 pm
 - a. Members Present: Sarah Bentley, Amy Monahan, Marie Chamberlin, Kathy LaBonte
 - b. Members Absent: Sue Swan
 - c. Others Present: None
2. **Approve Minutes from Meeting on October 16, 2023**
 - a. A ***Motion** was made by Sarah Bentley to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on October 16, 2023. ***Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin. No Discussion. ***Motion passed** with one abstaining (LaBonte).
3. **Recreation Director Report**
 - a. Current/Recent programs:
 - i. Lego
 1. Erin Lucas is looking to do another session in the Spring
 - ii. 5-8 Basketball
 1. Program is in full Swing at this point. There were many late registrations of children who did not make the school team. Erin continues to work to coordinate with the WMS schedule of basketball tryouts to avoid late registrations.
 2. There are currently 3 boys' teams per grade level. The girls' teams are made up of one large team for 5-6 girls and the 7-8 girls team has combined with Pomfret again this year. Practices start next week.
 - iii. Afterschool Volleyball
 1. There were 21 girls in this session, and they did again see a UCONN game this year.
 - iv. Trick or Treat
 1. The Trick or Treat Event was a success with about 600 people visiting Roseland Cottage. There is candy left over that will be used at Winter Festival. The Recreation Commission also sponsored the Roseland Park Trunk or Treat with \$350.
 - b. Upcoming Programs:
 - i. NYC Bus Trip
 1. Kathy LaBonte will be chaperoning the trip coming up this Saturday. Woodstock sold approximately 80% of the tickets for this bus trip.
 2. Erin Lucas has been in discussions with other recreation directors and would like to plan more bus trips. She also will work with the new Committee on Aging to discuss possible programs and events.
 - ii. Winter Festival
 1. Programs, yard signs and posters have been distributed to all participating locations.
 2. Erin Lucas will be on WINY radio again this year to promote the Winter festival on December 7th at 7:30 am.
 3. Wreaths are still needed for the raffle. Contact Erin Lucas in the Recreation Department or drop them off at Town Hall or Roseland Park starting the weekend after Thanksgiving.
 4. The commission is working on getting some live music for the tree lighting ceremony in the form of Sing-a-Long to add to the festivities.

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- iii. Ski Club
 - 1. This program is full. There are students on the wait list.
 - 2. The sign up with the facility went smoothly this year.
- iv. K-4 Basketball
 - 1. Numbers look normal for this program at this point in time.
 - 2. Jim Reynolds is returning to the program as coach again this year.
- v. Volleyball
 - 1. This program will be for middle school students only as the coaches running the program cannot teach any of their athletes out of season per CIAC regulations.
 - a. This program will take place starting in late February and again in the summer.
 - 2. Erin Lucas will continue to pursue high school level options.
- vi. Spring programs
 - 1. Erin Lucas will be working on plans for Lego, nature club and drama programs for the spring. There are additional options that will be revisited with volunteers as well.
- c. Discussion: New or Old Business, budget
 - i. Tennis Courts update
 - 1. No updates at this time
 - ii. Beach bathrooms
 - 1. No formal updates at this time. Ellis Tech is still working some final estimates.

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 8:20 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.