

Woodstock Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 9, 2019

Present: Anthony Pezzetti (Director), Sarah Bentley, Marie Chamberlin, Amy Monahan, Erika Cornelius Smith

Absent: Otto Anderson

Guest: Fraser Davis, Rick Harless, Emilie Hebert

Next meeting: January 13, 2020 @ 7:00P (Woodstock Town Hall, Meeting Room C)

Meeting called to order by Director Pezzetti at 7:03PM.

Meeting minutes from November 12th approved (Motion: Chair Bentley, Second: Commissioner Monahan). Unanimous.

1. Recreation Director Report

Director Pezzetti provided an update on the status of current programs, upcoming programs, past events, and possible future programs to members of the Woodstock Recreation Commission (WRC).

Current Programs:

Fall Yoga- 11 registered, ends on 12/23

Adult Volleyball- runs throughout school year

Adult Basketball- runs throughout school year

Quilting – ends on 12/5, Carolyn retiring after session, 10 registered

Youth Basketball- 7 boys teams and 3 girls teams, working on schedule with Pomfret for boys and Putnam for girls, K-4th starts 1/11, hosting girls games on ¼. The Committee discussed the idea of requiring background checks for coaches, both for upper-division basketball and Ski Club where travel is required. The Director will explore costs and the committee will discuss developing a policy going forward.

Upcoming Programs:

WES Kids Yoga- 5 currently registered, starts 1/8

Ski Club – starts 1/7, background checks?, 100 registered

Winter Volleyball- 8 Sundays starting 1/5 @Pomfret Prep, 2 sessions this year

Winter Yoga- 1/6 through 3/9.

Winter Festival – The committee discussed progress on social media promotion of the festival and Facebook responses to the event. Members of the committee are having difficulty locating an available singer(s) for the tree lighting portion of the day, but will play pre-recorded music if needed. A Santa will be available at one of the libraries for part of the day.

Rick Harless expressed concerns about the impact of weather on parking availability, particularly if the ground is too wet or soft. He has arranged for open back hayrides, a bon fire, tables and chairs to be set up in the barn. Businesses and organizations will be welcome to set up in the barn on the night before or in the morning. Around 3:45P a drawing will take place with tickets earned from passport stamps and visits. Take down will occur after the tree lighting at 4:30P.

The Committee discussed developing a mechanism to gather feedback on the experience from both community members and businesses participating in the event. A comment card will be available at Roseland Park. The Committee discussed including gear, merchandise, and “Stop” Signs for the next year’s festival, as well.

Past Events:

W.R.E.C.K After School Program- 7 registered

After School Girls Volleyball- 24 registered

Babysitter Training Course- 12 registered

NYC Bus Trip- added an additional bus this year

Possible Programs:

The Committee will continue to focus on the upcoming Winter Festival and basketball programs. Discussion of future programs will be postponed until the January meeting.

2. Discussion and Citizen Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:47P. (Motion: Chair Bentley, Second: Commissioner Monahan).

Respectfully submitted by Erika Cornelius Smith, December 18, 2019.