

NORTH HAMPTON RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING DRAFT MINUTES MAY 2020

In attendance: Marty Tavitian, Danille Strater, Willow Foley, Dale Rocheford, Wally Kilgore, Jane Morse, Joe Manzi

Marty called the meeting to order on Zoom at 6:01. A check in with everyone was first on the agenda to see how everyone is doing.

A motion was made by Wally Kilgore to accept the minutes of the February meeting and seconded by Dale and accepted by all. There was no March meeting.

There were no citizen's comments.

Danielle presented the NHYA update. Due to the pandemic the baseball season was canceled. Fall soccer is still being planned with hopes that will go ahead. The gaming fund has been added to before the shutdown and will be donated to the Corona Virus Fund. Several parents donated their deposit to the fund and was very much appreciated to help those in need in our town. There may be some summer ball if the Governor approves. It was necessary for the police to check on Knowles Field because of some gatherings there and they will continue to keep an eye of the field. NHYA thanks the sponsors for their continued support. Sean at Dunkin's has been a dedicated sponsor.

Winter Fest was a great success and very well attended. It was held on the first day of winter break and it appears it was a good date to follow up with next year. Breakfast was attended by 65 people and the games at the school were very busy with lots of kids and parents. The bonfire was attended by a guesstimate of 300-400 people and the fireworks were spectacular. Seacoast Online did an extensive follow up of the day's events.

Centennial Hall and the Recreation Department are excitedly entering onto a new agreement so that additional events can be held there. The Hall is not currently ADA approved and the fire suppression is under review by the Fire Dept.

Ski program update was provided by Danielle. Due to poor conditions one night of skiing was moved till election day, 3/10 and was the last day of skiing due to the stay at home order in place. Three days of skiing were completed and NHYA thanks the chaperones and bus drivers, all of whom were wonderful to help out.

Egg scramble was a huge success with many thanks to Mike Tully and Joe Manzi who drove to over 105 houses to deliver chocolate stuffed eggs to the kids. It was an all day event with Joe in the bunny suit! The kids and parents loved it. Joe was awarded recognition by the NHBA's Home Town Hero and it was well deserved! Way to go Joe!

Corona Virus update provided by Joe. An anonymous donor contributed their stimulus check to the fund and other donations are occurring as well. The PAL social was canceled due to the pandemic but an online auction will happen on 5/7 to benefit the North Hampton Corona Virus Fund. This fund will help North Hampton families who are experiencing financial stress.

Partial cost of the beach stickers sold go to provide additional support to the Recreation Dept. It is thought many residents are unaware of this and perhaps mention of this could be included in the Friday Folder, if approved by the Select board.

A summer program update was provided by Joe. Unfortunately due to the Corona situation there is a challenge with the camps, field trip and programs for this summer. Under the current CDC guidelines social distancing and limiting to group of no more than 10 kids would be a challenge. There are ideas still being contemplated regarding how best to handle. There are many issues to consider regarding safest environment for kids and perhaps limiting camps to days not weeks. The North Hampton School is deemed to be the safest place if this can go forward.

There are no softball registrations this summer. Danielle mentioned the possibility of donating or loaning some of the sports equipment and will post online at North Hampton Talks. Dick's Sporting Goods box of equipment is unused.

Dearborn is closed but new equipment has been installed. A toddler and handicap swing has been installed as well as a new climbing structure. The tennis courts remain closed.

The Memorial Day parade has not yet been canceled so Wally will reach out to the organizer of the event to see if a decision has been made.

A motion was made by Wally to adjourn, seconded by Jane, approved by all present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40.