

Town of Grand Isle

Recreation Committee Minutes

When: Thursday, April 13th 2023 - 6:30 PM

Where: Donaldson Park Pavilion and Virtual

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- Call to Order **6:33 PM**

- Attendees (Committee Members / Guests) - **Lindsay Lundquist, Emily S.J. White, Jaime Short, Roth Perry (Absent Laura Johnson)**
 - **Guest Emily Rich**
 - **Guest Court Perry**
 - **Guest Glenda Leake**
 - **Potential New Member Shirley Mora**

- Review and approve prior minutes **Approved**

- Amend agenda for items not listed
 - **Picnic Tables**
 - **Portable PA System**

- Guest Business
 - **Emily Rich - Green Up Day** **Emily Rich suggested having a celebration/cookout/community gathering for green up day. Ideally have a meet up at the park in the morning, provide bags, provide guidance on sharps, have a contest for number of bags filled, and reconvene for cookout. Occurs on May 6th. We will need to coordinate with YOGI. Emily Rich agreed to take the lead on organizing and we will give her access to cheddarup for signups, etc. Jaime to source and provide food on behalf of the Rec Dept. Motion and approved to move forward with this plan.**
 - **Tim O'Reilly Court Perry - IPA Pickleball has started and will be hosting a kickoff lunch/party at the Pavilion on June 28th or 29th at lunch time. They would like to host a bracket for the VRPA Sat/Sundays in July. Minimal maintenance on the court surfaces this year, the temp fence kept snowmobiles off. The IPA has placed mulch around the perimeter. IPA has two requests - 1. Finish clearing brush around the perimeter (Roth to check with selectboard to see if the town has a chipper or any other options) IPA willing to help with those cleanup efforts. 2. Install a permanent chain link fence around the three sides of the courts. IPA agreed to spec out and obtain quotes for the rec committee to review. Finally the IPA requested to be part of any master plan creation.**
 - **Glenda Leake - Bocce** **Glenda provided a brief history of the club and explained that their season starts in June and continues into August. They play Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday starting at 5:30 and 6:30 PM. They are self-sustaining**

and intend on resurfacing the court this year. They would like to purchase an additional bench (motion and approved to accept their bench) They also would like to provide a contribution to the rec dept. Suggested by Roth that this could possibly take the form of a new picnic table(s) for the pavilion.

- Potential New Committee Members Shirley Mora introduced herself, she moved to Grand Ilse a couple of years ago and wanted to become involved with recreation/sports as she had done in the past. She expressed interest in hockey and field hockey having played herself (motion and approved to nominate her to the selectboard as a new member).

- Old Business
 - Oaths ready for signature - Jaime signed? **Not yet, intends to do so.**
 - New potential members - **See above, also Erin Leduc had expressed interest but was tied up tonight with baseball practice. We will hold off on looking for new members assuming she will join.**
 - Ski and Ride Update - Done **Final reconciliation wrapping up. Should be all set. Looking forward to using cheddarup for next year.**
 - Adult Fitness Classes - Take on anything in the near future? **Softball next, fitness classes on hold until Fall/Winter.**
 - Easter Egg Hunt Review
 - Suggestions for next year? **More eggs, signups, staff shirts, PA system**
 - YOGI Requests
 - Aluminum benches bought and delivered - \$1,053.06 (need to assemble and remove old ones - Probably during the maintenance weekend)
 - Reminder for the June 10th end of the year celebration.
 - **Request for soft softball field fence. Roth to get quotes on permanent and soft fences.**
 - Existing Shed - Roth and Jaime have keys - Needs to be sorted and additional copies made. **Jaime to make additional copies. Roth to organize a shed cleanout day soon on a weekend.**
 - Review of old docs at the town for guidelines/bylaws - Update from Emily **Still to do. Roth to share the GI Rec Google Drive folder.**
 - Resurrect paid position for administrative work (creating/posting agenda and taking/posting meeting minutes) versus unpaid committee member. - Update from Emily on the scribe position Executive Assistant (5-10 hours per month more than just scribe - 10 hours per month @ \$17 / hr) **-on hold, see if any member will do.** (Park Ranger position as well 2-3 hours per week May - October @ ~~\$17~~ **\$20/ hr plus \$25 per week allowance for transporting the trash to the transfer station**) (Next step, draft up job descriptions and then advertise.) - Job Description Drafted? **Yes and edits suggested. Roth to take to the select board.**
 - Budget - 12/31/22 Rec Fund Balance was \$28,486.14. 3/10/23 approximately \$28,200. 4/10/2023 approximately **\$23,000.** \$16,120 still to post after June.

- Donaldson Upkeep During the Summer - (Lawn Mowing / Electricity / Security Cameras / Trash Cans / MOU with highway dept / Tree clearing / Portable Toilets) - See above Park Ranger
 - Additional toilet for Pickleball Done
 - Cameras? - Still need to locate
 - Explore official trash removal during the summer (e.g. part time employee 2-3 hrs per week / dispose of trash at the transfer station) - Job Description Drafted See above Park Ranger
- Donaldson Park Master Plan - Conceptual Plan Costs Emily received an estimate that \$20,000 would include meetings of stakeholders and the community, conceptual plan, breakdown of phasing, estimate of construction costs. Emily is happy to look into grants. Roth to check with the selectboard about potential ARPA funds.
- Adult Summer Sport League Poll - Softball - Next Steps (D2 field would be available after the 10th) - Preliminary signups to determine participation. Create a cheddarup signup to determine the number of players and whether it would be Pickup games vs team play. Sponsors for the team shirts? Yes, see if we can do this at no cost. Decide day(s) and time. Thursday Evenings Ask for older children to watch younger children at the park while games are played. Committee majority wanted soft toss.
- Subscribe to Amazon Prime? Probably with the next order.

- New Business
 - Cheddarup software in place for all future signups (sports/events/etc)
 - Lacrosse Clinic - 6 Sundays starting in May into June. Approval to spend up to ~~1.5k~~ \$500 (motion and approved) for equipment (mostly sticks and some specific training gear). GI School does have some. GI School actually has a fair amount of equipment. CSS also agreed to help contribute as well.
 - Picnic Tables need to be replaced in the pavilion. Jaime to price up 6 tables.
 - Portable PA System. Roth to price up.

- Confirm next meeting date/time 2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM - May 11th 2023

- Adjourn 7:40 PM