Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7:00 PM

Members of Voluntown Recreation Commission:

Michael Kalwara, Interim Chairman
Michael Magario
Marc Pelletier
Tammy VanLanen, Treasurer

Melinda Bryan, Secretary
Belinda Wiese
Pete Cassidy

Absent: Courtney Magario, Mike Magario
Guests: None

Ascertain a Quorum

There are 7 out of 9 present – served as a quorum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Previous minutes

A correction to July’s minutes will be made. Belinda was not present for the meeting and it should have been Melinda that seconded the motion to adjourn.

Melinda made a motion to go to new business and Tammy seconded.

Old Business

Field Use

Mike K. spoke with the UNCAS Health District regarding funding provided by the Tobacco and Health Trust by the CT Department of Public Health. There are no funds available for the signs. Connie, from the UNCAS Health District, will email information regarding various free programs for health and wellness.

Pavilion

Melinda spoke with Jerry Lokken from Groton Parks and Recreation regarding their pavilion. He said that they require insurance from any groups that want to use it. If it is an event for a birthday party they recommend the family to try to use their homeowners insurance or if they have a caterer they could use their insurance. If there is no individual insurance they discuss as a group and decide whether or not to omit insurance. I spoke with Tracey and she agreed. I checked with Tracey to see if a pavilion use request needs to be filled out and if insurance is required. Tracey agreed that we should have a pavilion use form. Melinda will design a pavilion use form and bring to the next meeting for approval. Suggested donation on the bottom of the form. Tammy will look into prices for permanent garbage cans for the pavilion.
New Business

Gaga Ball Pit

Josh Zelinsky attended the meeting and will be constructing a gaga pit for his Eagle Scout project for the recreation commission. He will start fundraising and will come to our October recreation commission meeting with more information.

Walking Club

Kristin Pellinen said that many people in town are interested in a walking club. Melinda made a motion for Kristin to coordinate the walking club and Tammy seconded.

Trunk or Treat

Melinda spoke with Dennis and Amanda Page, PTO. They would like to have a Halloween Dance on October 31st and asked if we could move Trunk or Treat into the back parking lot so students can go right from the dance to Trunk or Treat. The commission decided to keep Trunk or Treat in the early childhood parking lot. Melinda plans on attending the PTO meeting on September 18th at 6pm to get more details.

Correspondence

The commission was invited Groundbreaking Shovel Ceremony on September 10, 2018 at 3:30pm.

Treasurer’s Report

We have spent 5% of our budget $653.93. The remaining balance is $12,346.07.

Other Business

None

Review of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed by the commission.

General Discussion

Chelsea Wiese would like to do a gingerbread house contest. She will come to the October meeting to give us more information.

Pete made a motion to hire a band for the fire dept chicken BBQ and will not exceed $600. Belinda seconded.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. Tammy made the motion and Melinda seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Bryan