

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**Members of Voluntown Recreation Commission:**

Michael Kalwara, Interim Chairman  
Michael Magario  
Mark Simmons  
Tammy VanLanen, Treasurer

Melinda Bryan, Secretary  
Belinda Wiese  
Pete Cassidy  
Courtney Magario

Kristin Pellinen

Absent: Melinda Bryan  
Guests: Tracey Hanson

**Ascertain a Quorum**

There are 8 out of 9 present – served as a quorum.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

**Previous Minutes**

Pete made a motion to approve the January minutes and Mike M. seconded.

From the Special Meeting on January 31, 2019 Mike K. made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike M. seconded.

**Old Business**

**Constitution Field – Lighting**

Mike K. is going to get a quote to fix the lights on the basketball court from DEF. He also wants to put two lights on the pole by the ball field, one that shines on the ball field and one shining on the ice rink. Mike M. asked for Mike K. to also get a quote for a light on the lower soccer field. He will let the committee know what the quote comes out to be.

Belinda makes a motion to allocate \$3500 dollars to fix and put up new lighting Pete seconded it.

**Ice Rink**

Mike K. has a list of volunteers that helped in setting the rink up. Tammy will thank them and let them know about the upcoming lighting changes.

**Storage Container**

Money is allocated from last months meeting.

**New Business**

**Contract**

Tracey joined us to share that they are trying to change the contract so that we can use open space for things such as: festivals, farmers markets, vendors, etc. instead of specifically for hiking, fishing, other outdoor activities.

### **Community Conversation**

Looking for volunteers and for members to come up with questions to ask at a meeting in April related to where we want Voluntown to be in 10 years. Whether we want to continue counting on the State for funding or find ways to make money within our town through businesses and bringing others in. Examples: horse shows, ATV trails.

### **Insurance Company**

Working to set a date that they can come in to do a workshop for questions that all commissions have.

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

Different from the budget, used for projects that cost a significant amount that aren't going to be put in the budget for a one time thing. One was shared for the Wylie School House Renovation. No real limit for money, acts like a wish list. An example for us would be replacement playground equipment.

Also getting budget packet soon.

### **Volleyball**

School use form already filled out and filed. Tammy made a motion to support the Recreation Volleyball Program Mark seconded it.

### **Student Council**

The VES Student Council wants to attend a town meeting to see how it runs.

### **Correspondence**

Catalogs

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our budget is \$13,000. We have spent \$4,024.82. We have \$8,975.18. Money has been set aside for lighting, fertilizer, plantings, plaque, basketball celebration, and storage box.

### **Other Business**

### **Review of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed by the commission.

### **General Discussion**

Belinda researched a plaque to hang in the Town Hall to honor past members. Pete makes a motion to allocate \$200 for the plaque Kristen seconded.

Tammy made a motion to allocate \$200 for Recreation Basketball End of the Year Celebration Courtney seconded it.

Tammy made a motion to approve our budget for the Selectman's Meeting on 3/1 to be the same as previous years Pete seconded.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm. Mike K. made the motion and Kristen seconded.

*Respectfully submitted by Courtney Magario*