

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Members of Voluntown Recreation Commission:

Michael Kalwara, Chairman	Melinda Bryan, Secretary
Michael Magario	Belinda Wiese
Mark Simmons	Courtney Magario
Tammy VanLanen, Treasurer	Kristin Pellinen
	Dean Wittwer

Absent: Kristin Pellinen, Mike Kalwara, Belinda Wiese
Guests: Nate Musser, Jackie Dietrich, Tracey Hanson

Ascertain a Quorum

There were 6 of 9 present – served as a quorum.

Call to Order

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

Previous Minutes

Dean made a motion to approve March minutes and Courtney seconded.

Old Business

Jackie Dietrich would like to work with the town and state to open up a recreational boating program and teach beginning sailing. She would like to volunteer her services. Jackie would obtain certification and look into ways to obtain a sailboat and proper equipment. She knows people at U.S. Sailing and other places that sell boats discounted.

Constitution Field

No new information on lighting.

Volleyball

Nate spoke with Sandbox target to build sport of volleyball. They would assist in design, construction of a new court and help pick a location. They will provide a professional level net, boundary lines, antennae, post hardware free of charge. We will ask town workers if they can help with the installation. Our goal is to promote recreation programs in town. We will ask if town workers can do the excavation.

Tricentennial (Cornhole)

Mark Simmons and Courtney Magario will run the cornhole tournament. The prizes will be two \$25 gift cards and trophies. Melinda made motion to spend up to \$150 and Mike Magario seconded.

Drive-In Movie

Drive in Movie will be Friday, June 18th. The movie screen will be built by the commission.

New Business

Town Garage

The garage will stay for storage and electricity. It feeds electricity to the pavilion and basketball court. All chemicals were stored per OSHA. We can test the soil but expected to be minimal. If the building comes down another building needs to be put back up. Per DEEP we can't building anything bigger than garage because it's designated as open space. The commission would like to build a smaller building for storage and restrooms.

Correspondence

Product catalogs and solicitation materials.

Treasurer's Report

The budget is \$13,000 and we have spent \$6650.93 and \$6349.07 remains. We also have the Gate Street Fund which has a balance of \$15,822.22.

Review of Minutes

The commission reviewed the minutes.

General Discussion

April 24th is the Tricentennial cleanup day at Constitution Field.

The boy scouts would like to use the pavilion on April 19th for the Boy Scouts.

Cars parking on gate Street - asked town crew to get no parking signs to put there. Designate parking area is across the street and handicap parking is located. Mark suggested to put in a cross walk. Maybe a pedestrian sign. Getting crosswalks in without sidewalks is an issue.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. Melinda made the motion and Tammy seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Bryan.