

Recreation Commission Minutes 2/16/22

Attendees: Ron Richter, Mike O'Donnell, Robin Steele, Amy Hamilton

Kids' Club

- Projected Budget for next year (2022-2023) is estimated at break even
- This year we had a Covid subsidy that we do expect for next year
- In light of the financial situation in the general economy, a motion was made to increase fees for Kids' Club for next year (2022-2023) as follows:
 - Before school increases to \$15 (was \$14)
 - After school increases to \$35 (was \$33)
 - Full day increases to \$75 (was \$70)
- Ron Richter made the motion, Mike O'Donnell seconded, the motion passed 3-0-0
- The hours of operation will return to 7 am to 6 pm this summer
- Last year a change was made to not bus the children back to 12 Mudge Way from Lane School at the end of the day and it has been well received and will continue. It resulted in a savings in bus costs of 16k. The greater benefit was fewer transitions for the children and more space at Mudge for Davis children.

Spring and Summer Programs

- March 6th at 8 pm registration opens
- It has been very difficult to find vendors for after school programs due to the pandemic
- For Summer Adventures, Amy is seeing if the children will have to be in cohorts
- For Summer Adventures, the Recreation Department will continue its inclusion initiative to enable as many children as possible to participate
- There will be weeks in the summer that the school's Extended School Year will not be operating and the children will be able to attend Summer Adventures full time (or any other summer program).

Springs Brook Park

- Hired Co-Directors for the summer of 2022: Haley Portlock and Mary Gallant (SBP Director in 2002).
- Haley and Mary have many years of experience at Springs Brook
- Alli Lua will return as Swim Lesson Coordinator
- Hiring lifeguards will be a challenge. Some are returning, but not all from last summer. There are a couple people taking the course, but we will struggle to staff the park
- The operating model will be the same as last year due to the lifeguard shortages

- Ice cream trucks will be used for refreshments
- The picnic grove and grills will be available this summer
- Ron Richter made a motion to keep the fees the same as last year, Mike O'Donnell seconded
- The fees were:
 - Resident family \$350
 - Non-resident family \$400
 - Resident individual \$135
 - Non-resident individual \$155
- The motion passed 3-0-0

Pickleball

- Fields Partnership met to discuss potential sites for a pickleball court
- Fields Partnership will think about the sites and meet again to discuss the options
- The Fields Partnership will determine the best sites and then present to the Select Board
- Siting will be at the discretion of the Select Board
- The Recreation Dept. bought more portable nets to help the current pickleball players

Miscellaneous

- Recreation Revolving Account – Amy is working with the Finance Dept. to reconcile through January 2022. There are few discrepancies, but they should be resolved in the next 2 weeks.
- Balance estimated at the end of January 2022 is \$614K
- Basketball – younger age groups for basketball, but it went well and they had a good season
- Next Recreation Commission meeting will be March 16th at 7pm. The Recreation Commission is in full support of meeting in person if that is the town's protocol at that time.

Ron Richter made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm, Mike O'Donnell seconded, Motion passed 3-0-0