

Recreation Commission Meeting
September 14th, 2022
Mudge Room

Call to order: 7:00

Attendance; Josh Smith, Robin Steele, Julie Halloran, Ron Richter

Ron motions to approve minutes, Julie seconds. 3-0-0

Review of Finances from Finance Director and Rec Director through June

- There was discussion on how to oversee the potential for a surplus but not to make any large investments until a projection is provided
- Josh presented a report from July 2021 to current indicating that net income for each program – overall income was over \$550k and profit was 18.6% - this was great improvement from the same period last year
- We decided that in upcoming meetings we would bring in the leadership of key programs to discuss any investment requirements to improve the programs

Summer adventures

- Josh Indicated they had a great summer with highest enrollment ever
- They did have a wait list and Josh indicated capacity is limited by space in the high school which he is working
- SA averaged 247 participants per session and adventures away averaged 75 participants
- There were 29 CITs
- Josh will check how CPR certs are done to see if opportunities to get more people certified

Springs Brook Park

- Memberships and revenue were down from prior year
- The infrastructure is a priority for town to see what improvements can be made
- We discussed the possibility of the splash pad being addressed by CPC funds
- Great leadership but life guard staffing remains a challenge
- We will investigate operating hour changes and other opportunities for next year
- Josh reported 50th celebration was a positive event with good town participation

Fall Programing

- Off to a great start, registrations are very high across many programs
- Also, there are over 150 programs which results in excellent opportunities for participation

Kids Club

- Continues to have high participation and overall things are going well

Upcoming Projects

- We discussed the opportunities for play grounds in underserved areas of Bedford – not having families go to other towns but have improved opportunities in Bedford

- We discussed the need for fields and some potential locations for Josh to work with DPW
- We discussed the need for an additional turf field to greatly increase capacity

Bedford Day

- Recreation Department is ready

Next meeting schedule:

- October 19th @ 7pm

Ron motions to adjourn, Julie seconds. 3-0-0