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TOWN OF NORTON

Board / Committee: Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: March 6, 2024 Time: 6:58

Meeting Location: 2nd floor Town Hall and Zoom online meeting platform

Members & Staff Present: Melissa Niziolek -Staff, Christine Deveau, and Samantha Tamulis

Members Present Via Zoom: Paige Pennypacker, and Bryan Faria

Members Not Present: Carol Zwicker, Josh Glaser, Frank Durant, and Emily Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 by Christine and adjourned at 7:42, motioned by Samantha, seconded by Bryan

Minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as written by roll call vote. Motioned by Samantha, seconded by Paige

Old Business:

- 1. Policies and Procedures Review and Discussion-Tabled
- 2. Adult Recreation League Update and Discussion-
 - Kickball- Christine discussed results from the kickball survey. More
 information needs to be provided about possible field usage. Commission
 discussed season, time, days, and fees for adult kickball. Christine will
 send out an email to respondents of survey with update.

- Over 30 Basketball- Melissa discussed over 30 basketball winter 2024 expense reports and future seasons.
- Womens Softball- Melissa is in contact with co-organizing women's over 30 softball. The season is May-July using the JCS and NHS varsity field. Next year the goal is for the parks and recreation department to take over the league fully.
- Pickleball- Melissa discussed a pickleball pick-up league in the fall. Pickleball court is scheduled to open late spring or summer this year.
- 3. Spring events and brainstorming-
 - Fish Event- Bryan is working with conservation to find a suitable location for a fishing event. Possibly Edith Reed or the water department, if the brush is clear around the pond. The prospective date would be sometime in June.

New Business:

- 1. Director of Parks and Recreation Update
- a. Spring Egg Hunt- March 23, 2:30-4. Volunteers are needed at 1pm at the Chapel Lawn at Wheaton College. The Easter Bunny will have a chair to sit on and take pictures. Possibly setting up in the gazebo. There will be face painters and girl scouts are stuffing the eggs. Rain date will be March 30th.
- b. Restaurant Fundraiser- Tabled
- c. Spring Clean Up- Tabled
- d. Sponsorship Packages- The commission discussed the 2024 sponsorship opportunities with a document that Melissa provided. The approval of the document with edits made at the meeting was motioned by Paige and seconded by Samantha.
- e. Group Outings- Tabled
- f. Capital Improvement 5 Year Plan- Tabled
- 2. Gaga Pit at ELP Eagle Scout Project- Ben Sparks presented his Eagle Scout project to build a gaga pit at ELP. The commission unanimously voted to support the gaga pit project. Motioned by Samantha, seconded by Paige.
- Discussion on Commission Roles Voting Time Frame- Commission discussed when the new Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk should be voted on. The voting will take place in July.
- 4. Discussion on Refund Policies- Tabled
- 5. Discussion on Budget Process-Tabled
- 6. Discussion on 2024 Swim Class Pricing- Tabled
- 7. Discussion on Commission Goals- Tabled

Other Business: Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance:

• Megan Bassick resigned from the commission.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Samantha Tamulis
Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: $4/3/2024$
Chairman Signature:

• The commission will work on promoting and recruiting new members.