

STAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

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TOWN CLERK

Members: Chairman - Dave Bachiochi, Secretary - Becky Murphy, Harold Blake Hatch, Tom Topping, Todd Levesque, Richard Deary, Bill Utermarck

Members Present: Dave Bachiochi, Becky Murphy, Richard Deary, Tom Topping, Bill Utermarck,

Members Absent: Harold Blake Hatch, Todd Levesque

Recreation Director: (Open)

Athletic Director: Damian Frassinelli (absent)

Guest: Jacquie Schors

- 1.) **Call Meeting to Order** – Dave called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The number of board members present 5 constitutes a quorum (5 of 7)
- 2.) **Review and Accept Minutes from previous meeting** – Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes with no noted changes was entered by Dick Deary– Second by Becky Murphy. Vote to accept minutes 4-0 with Tom abstaining having been absent at that meeting.
- 3.) **Correspondence, letters & emails**
 - a.) **Recreation Director, Recreation Director, Summer Rec** – No Recreation Director has been appointed/hired. This is still under consideration. Jacquie Schors managed the Summer Rec program and Gabby Thayer managed the Waterfront portion of the program. The 6-week program was very successful especially considering program turnover and 2-year hiatus. 165 kids registered overall, average daily attendance was 99, max daily 135. Jacquie is preparing a program guide that includes many program improvement ideas.
 - b.) **Stipend Distribution** – Fiscal year 2021-2022 town stipends were distributed upon request from Dave. Youth wrestling and youth lacrosse checks are in Dave’s custody at this writing.
- 4.) **Old Business** –
 - a. **Disposition of youth lacrosse equipment, finances** – We will be keeping the youth lacrosse account open. Dave Buchanan, who is the youth soccer treasurer, is willing to act as interim point of contact for the lacrosse account.
 - b. **American Rescue Plan Act commission update** – Two dozen AEDs were approved for purchase to support Stafford’s Heartsafe community status. This includes six for recreation venues including rugged secure storage containers for outdoor locations. Recreation Department status remains under consideration by the First Selectman. The surveillance

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camera project was expanded, some high priority cameras were approved but the camera solutions for the recreation venues were deferred pending more information. In the Kealy Field case, a 12-camera solution needs to be reviewed. For Hyde Park and Olympic Field, future use disposition is sought to better determine camera placement. For the Staffordville waterfront and school building, it is prudent to hold until future disposition is determined.

- c. **Plan of Conservation and Development** – No update. Dave B. submitted information to Dave P. who is taking input through end of September.
- d. **Major Improvements** – No changes
- e. **Olympic Field STEAP grant activity update** – Project is underway and behind schedule. Basketball court surface and new hoops have been installed. Irrigation project is delayed waiting for new well to be drilled. The new playground is waiting for equipment and labor backlog to clear. Delays likely to extend into new calendar year.
- f. **Disposition of StaffordSports.org** – New town website went live in July with a simple but serviceable page of links for Town Recreation. The StaffordSports.org domain name was retained and links directly to that page.

5.) New Business:

- a. **Commission Membership** – We continue to seek additional members for the Recreation Commission. Becky notified Dave that she will be leaving the Commission upon termination of her current term in October.
 - b. **Update from Recreation Director (open)** – Tabled until the Director position is filled. Also see Summer Rec update above.
- 6. Adjourn** – Motion: Dave moved to adjourn meeting.
Second: Becky Murphy second the motion
Vote: The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
Next meeting is Thursday October 6, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Bachiochi on behalf of Becky Murphy, Secretary

9/12/2022
Date


Signature

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