

STAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL Meeting

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Tuesday March 12, 2024

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Place: Stafford Town Hall Veterans Room with a Zoom video call open for remote access.

The format was Open Discussion. There were 12 residents in attendance, 10 in the room and 2 via Zoom.

A group of interested citizens convened Tuesday evening March 12 to collaborate on how to best address assembly of a Recreation Department. There were no votes taken.

I would like to start by thanking those who attended and showing a genuine interest in moving this initiative forward. And I want to apologize to those attempting to join the Zoom call for the low quality.

The general consensus was that there is a long-term need for a Recreation Department and a Recreation Director. The group agreed to reconvene in a few weeks to work on three avenues somewhat concurrently.

- Build a strategic plan for Recreation to articulate where we are going
- Begin to research grant opportunities to fund a Recreation Director, including collecting the background data to support a grant application
- Enhance communications to support the recreational activities in town (website, social media, email distribution, etc.)

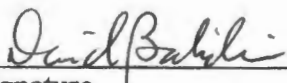
Next steps include:

- Set up and advertise the next meeting and hold it at the Staffordville School building (we targeted April 3 at 7:00pm). Dave will confirm.
- Pull together the background information to enable the topic discussions. Laura to reach out to Amber regarding grants; Dave to bring the youth sports programs inventory and other background regarding potential recreation projects considered recently.
- All of us should consider what you think is important to communicate. That will form the content of a Recreation Department "page" while we figure out the appropriate platforms to deliver.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Bachiochi, Acting Recording Secretary

3/13/24
Date


Signature

Schedule of Regular Meetings for CY 2024 (1st Wednesday except July and August):
Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4