

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION.

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- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M. Bill Fraser-Harris, Greg Smith, Craig Reynolds, Rich Ahrens, Christy Gallese, and Judy Hill were in attendance. Carrie Spear, Nicole Conley and Juliann Phelps were also in attendance. A quorum was present.
- 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda - none
- 3.0 Public Comments and Communication - Juliann Phelps is considering joining Rec Comm and is participating in Zoom meeting.
- 4.0 June minutes were approved with one correction that pickleball continues on Monday and Thursday with 8-10 people participating, and 4-6 people playing on Wednesday
- 5.0 Discussion/ Action Items
  - 5.1 **Rec Director Report.**
    - 5.1.1 **2019/2020 Budget Review** to be finalized by town clerk. Total revenue was \$87,000; \$73,000 was budgeted. June brought in \$16,000 in beach revenue. Last year at this time 660 passes were sold, this year 916 have been sold to date. 250 more passes have been ordered.
    - 5.1.2 **Beach Attendants** are doing a good job. There are some scheduling gaps the last week of August and into September and Nicole will need someone to cover their shifts.
    - 5.1.3 **Thank you card** with recreation/ town logo is needed. Rich volunteered Jeff Giknis to help Nicole with layout.
    - 5.1.4 **Fall Programming** Drivers Ed, Safe Sitter and piano can all be taught online. Fall soccer is tentative as use of school and State guidelines are unclear at this point.
    - 5.1.5 **Rec Hut** at school is in need of repair, siding is falling off. Bill, Rich and Craig will look at hut and repair.
    - 5.1.6 **Playground** is open with signage to play at your own risk. Sanitizing stations have been put up. Nicole is going to look into installation of a permanent station.
  - 5.2 **Repair Work, Memorial Bench, etc.**
    - 5.2.1 **Tennis court cleaning** was completed by Larry Bissonette who did a good job for a reasonable price.
    - 5.2.2 **Tennis court crack repair** will be done by Tennis Advantage in near future.
    - 5.2.3 **Backboard Repair** was completed by Bill Fraser-Harris.
    - 5.2.4 **Bathroom Repair** Screening material was delivered and will be installed by Bill, Craig and Rich.
    - 5.2.5 **Beach Brush** was removed on North side of Lake Road by Dale.
    - 5.2.6 **Memorial Bench** for Dr Gluck is being donated by his sisters. Stone bench will be located near memorial and maple tree.
  - 5.3 **Ramp Access** - Select Board requested another proposal for an ADA accessible ramp. It was noted that the south edge of beach has been more popular this summer with lack of dock access. There was discussion of adding more accessible steps.
    - Craig suggested installing larger stones and rubber mats and queried if there were grants for such things.
    - Rich asked if beaches were ADA accessible in general; that compliance required more time and money and maintenance issues would increase.

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- Judy asked if it was possible in the meantime to proceed with a makeshift ramp this year.
- Greg cautioned to minimize future downstream costs of installing/removing ramp annually.
- Christy supported that the beach should be accessible to everyone and that it is important for the town to support this effort.
- Nicole stated that the beach is not ADA accessible. That a willing donor would like to see a dock like ramp installed. She will research the cost and noted it would not be a financial burden to town. She agreed that the beach should be accessible to everyone and liked the new stair idea.
- Bill FH noted that the Lake Champlain Paddlers Trail would benefit from an improved access.

5.4 **Planning** - Commissioners were encouraged to brainstorm future ideas for beach

### 6.0 **Commissioner Comments/other business** -

- 6.1 Sunday Yoga at the beach has been popular with class donations going to the Scholarship fund.
- 6.2 Bill received feedback that there was an ankle injury at the beach. Due to Covid virus the docks/floats will not be put in this year.
  - Bill will post on Front Porch Forum to advise beach goers to wear water shoes.
  - Greg recommended laying down heavy mats on rocks for access.
  - Carrie was concerned about liability issues of people slipping on wet mats.
  - Juliann shared that rubberized mats are used for accessibility at Outer Banks, NC.
- 6.3 The idea of a town rec information kiosk be incorporated with the beach attendant hut to cross pollinate other recreation activities.
- 6.4 Commission questioned whether it was possible to meet at the beach in August. Carrie did not know if committees could meet in person and stated it was not on the select board agenda. Bill said he would ask Dean to add to agenda.

7.0 Next meeting Tuesday August 11 @ 5:30pm

8.0 Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Minutes approval signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson