

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION.

Tuesday August 11, 2020, 5:30pm - Virtual Remote Meeting - Regular Meeting Minutes - Page One

- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 5:39 P.M. Bill Fraser-Harris, Greg Smith, Rich Ahrens, Bill Pence, and Judy Hill were in attendance. Nicole Conley, Juliann Phelps, Barb Russ, Dan Williams and Bud Shriner were also in attendance. A quorum was present.
- 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda - none
- 3.0 Public Comments and Communication -
- 4.0 July minutes were approved.
- 5.0 Discussion/ Action Items
  - 5.1 **Rec Director Report**
    - 5.1.1 **Fall programming** Governor approved Fall sports with mask wearing starting Sept 8. Recreation was informed that Charlotte Central School fields/restroom will not be available for Fall soccer. Nicole is looking at other field options. Martial arts will be held outside. Piano will be held online.
    - 5.1.2 **Beach** 1030 beach passes have been sold to date, doubling the amount sold in 2019. Beach attendant coverage for last two weeks of season has been arranged.
  - 5.2 **Whiskey Bay**
    - 5.2.1 Thompson Point Assoc requested Ecoli testing at Whiskey Bay with results posted on town website. There was a 24 hour bloom at Whiskey Bay that temporarily closed beach. Ecoli samples are taken weekly at town beach and have been below 700.
    - 5.2.2 Barb Russ and Dan Williams requested Recreation Commission establish:
      - Regular schedule to test water at Whiskey Bay through October.
      - Regular clean-up of dog feces
      - Budget for next years clean-up
    - 5.2.3 Barb and Dan noted that signage to pick up after dogs has disappeared and that there is an accumulation of feces on beach and on road. Nicole added bird feces also adds to water contamination. Commission discussed regular visitation and monitoring of beach and encouragement of patrons to pickup after their dogs. It was mentioned that the popularity of dog owners using Whiskey Bay has increased and that the Commission was encouraged to plan ahead for 2021 season. Greg added signage should include use of leashes and Select board be part of the discussion as to where dogs can swim in town. Bill Pence added there might be liability issues if a dog park was established in Charlotte.
  - 5.3 **Tennis Crack Repair** - Repair is scheduled for Monday or Tuesday, weather permitting.
  - 5.4 **Future Planning Ideas** -
    - Mulch pile near playground will be used towards disc golf pathways. Buckthorn trees have been taken down and view corridor has been opened up.
    - Stone ramp from beach for kayak access with possible horse mats
    - Exterior faucet at bath house was left on and has since been turned off
    - Softball field
- 6.0 Commissioner Comments/other business -
  - Pickleball attendance is increasing; 11 people at beginners session, 15 on Monday
  - Petanque court installation was budgeted; \$4,500 is in capital fund
  - Sunday Yoga at Beach has been popular with 20-28 people showing up. Over \$1,000 in donations has been collected and put into the Rec Scholarship Fund.

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**6.0 Commissioner Comments/other business -**

- Nicole added there has not been any recent requests for scholarships. Upcoming programming ideas include: drivers ed, yoga, tennis, horseback riding, fitness via Zoom, fitness at beach, dance, martial arts, and boot camp

7.0 Next meeting Tuesday September 8 @ 5:30pm

8.0 Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes approval signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson