

Recreation Commission
Minutes
06-30-21

Darren Hudgins called the meeting to order. Present were Mr. Hudgins; Heidi Dyer and Jennifer Dangas. Absent: George Blaisdell and John Donahue. Also present: Deb Brown, Recreation Director.

No minutes to review

Summer Program update: The number of campers registering is really trending up. There are already about 130 kids registered so far where as last year was approximately 50. Parents are sending kids more weeks, particularly younger kids. Darren asked about kids who do not attend field trips. Deb Brown explained that all staff is needed on the field trip so if kids are not going they will need to stay at home.

Heidi Dyer asked about whether volunteers are needed. Deb explained the problem is that if someone volunteers, because these are children, that person would need to be background checked and that can be a lengthy process particularly now with Covid 19 still around.

The first week has been challenging. The heat has been very tough on both campers and staff. Keeping them cool is challenging. Field trip was very tough due to long bus ride and it being 95 degrees out. The kids enjoyed it very much but we had them come indoors after every activity to cool off and drink. The bus ride was very hot.

The fire chief dropped off a box of face masks in case we needed them. The new counselors are doing well.

Requisition forms were presented for the upcoming field trips.

A review of beach passes took place. Some people are giving the lifeguards a hard time regarding the passes. Heidi reported she has been at the beach a few times and observed the lifeguards going right up to people and asking for their pass. Some people she observed giving them a hard time and lifeguards are handling it in a very professional manner.

A new swim line will be needed for next year as well as additional swim line floats.

Deb will be away next week but will be checking in multiple times each day as well as answering e-mails and returning phone calls. She can return within an hour if need be.

Submitted,

Deb Brown, Rec. Director
Substituting for a Recording Secretary