

1 Recreation Commission
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6 Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman George Blaisdell. PRESENT: George Blaisdell;
7 John Donahue; Heidi Dyer; Darren Hudgins. Absent: Jennifer Dangas.
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9 Review of minutes from meeting of 04-07-21. Motion by John Donahue to accept as written. Second:
10 Darren Hudgins. VOTE: Unanimously accepted.
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12 George mentioned he cannot open attachments that Deb Brown has sent. Everyone else said they are
13 able to open and the attachment is coming through to them as a pdf. George will look into his phone
14 since everyone else can open the sent files.
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16 Darren reported that he had spoken with "Tony" from Timberline Sign in Rye regarding the sign and had
17 sent a screen shot of the original sign to that person. The person passed on quoting saying he couldn't
18 take anything else on right now.
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20 Deb reported she had taken pieces of the sign to Plaistow to both Nassar Jewelers and Benjamin Moore
21 Paint Place to see if either could verify that the paint used in the original sign contained Gold Leaf paint.
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23 Verifying the Gold Leaf has been an ongoing issues with the insurance company saying that proving that
24 is was gold leaf was going to be up to the Commission.
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26 It had been documented in the paperwork from Sean Sullivan who had done the original sign as an Eagle
27 Scout project, that the sign had cost more than he had planned due to the gold leaf. The name of the
28 original sign maker was in the paperwork and Deb had spent some time trying to track down that person
29 only to discover the company was no longer in business. She investigated more and was able to find a
30 name on Facebook that lined up with this person. She contacted him and he generously offered to go
31 back through his old records and come up with information on the sign but did remember working with
32 Eagle Scout candidate Sean Sullivan and said it was gold leaf paint. He said his records were in storage
33 but would see what he could find. She has not heard back yet.
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35 Nassar Jewelers also tried to help but were unable to verify even after scraping some of the paint off
36 and looking at it through a jeweler's eye piece. The paint store was unable to verify as well. The reason
37 for the gold leaf is that it stands up extremely well to the elements (and as evidenced by the pieces
38 presented that it was still in good shape after 10 years). Deb circled back to the original quotes and
39 contacted ProSource Sign and discovered that the gentleman who does the work for Pro Source Sign is
40 Paul Botting and he happens to live in Sandown. The members didn't know him however George did
41 know of him and the consensus was to request that he meet up with Deb to look things over. Barlo Sign
42 and ProResource Sign will need to update their quotes as it has been more than a year due to insurance
43 bumps and delays caused by Covid-19.
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45 A discussion was begun in regard to the possible pavilion plan that is being researched and formulated.
46 The Commission left the meeting room to go outdoors to look at possible site locations on the property
47 and the feasibility of different locations. Several different sites and pavilion sizes were looked at.
48 Members circled back to placement being behind the building. No decision has been made

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Members would like to get quotes on a couple of large sizes. Quotes on 30 x 40 and 30 x 50 were mentioned. Members wanted to know if there was any way a Babe Ruth Field could also be incorporated into the Garvey Field. This will be looked into further.

Tent Rental: The current principal had approved the Use of Facility request submitted. However a new principal will be taking over on July 1st and hopefully won't change the plan. The tent rental would be in the vicinity of \$6,000 for the duration of the summer program. The cost was covered under money available from the federal government for Covid related expenses last year however there has been no indication that money such as that would be available for this year. Last year the program didn't have a large enough space available to it to safely distant kids.

Deb had also spoken with Gary Paradis who is the Facilities Director for the school district about use of the school. He also will be leaving his position on June 30th. It's difficult not knowing what the availability for program space would be. Covid 19 protocol from the state has been slow in being released. There are indications that group sizes will increase. The state has now included employees who work with children for the vaccine and Deb has let summer employees know this and how to register if they want to.

Work on the parking lot at Miller Field is progressing.

Discussion was begun about the need for recreation specific software for the recreation dept that would allow registrations, payments, reports & payments on line. It would also track the number of spaces available in a program as well as track wait listed. It would generate financial reports amongst some of its other features. Support, as reported by other directors, is excellent. The director mentioned she has been requesting rec specific software for at least the past 7 years and it doesn't go anywhere. She asked that a member meet with a rep from MyRec to have that software program explained, how it works, associated costs etc. John Donahue said he would and also discussed that he could build a program to allow the things Deb has mentioned. There are costs associated with the software based on how much revenue is taken in. It looks as if that could be approximately \$2,500 per year but it also gives the department an "employee" who is working 24/7 and 365 days per year. John Donahue will take lead on this.

NEXT MEETING: 05-12-21

Submitted by,

Deb Brown, Rec. Director

Substituting for a Recording Secretary