

PITTSFORD PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Minutes

September 10, 2020

Members Present: Rick Taylor, Ron Anderson, Rachel Baker August, Shawn LeBlanc, Lisa Stein, Greg Riley and Pam Cooper-Vince

Also Present: Jessie Hollenbeck, Recreation Director

Absent: Kevin Beckford, Ben McCormick and John Reddington

The meeting opened at 6:05 pm

Rick Taylor, Chairman:

- August minutes were approved.
- Rick noted in a conversation with Supervisor Smith that the town offered community space and full day care for residents, teachers and staff.
- Rick discussed the changes, due to the pandemic, that will impact the way the town works-i.e. more online services, important to features of the website.
- Rick requested that the board take the trail maps provided and look at any changes or additions they feel should be made to our sidewalk and trail system.
- Upon the request of Councilman Kevin Beckford, Rick asked for discussion regarding programming and training sessions around the topic of racial sensitivity, racial division and other social justice issues. The board discussed at length and unanimously decided it was not a good fit for the Recreation Dept. It does not coincide with our current programming model. The group thought there may be other organizations better suited for such topics: however, the board would be happy to continue discussion at the direction of the town board.

Recreation Update:

Recreation Director Jessie Hollenbeck reported on the following:

- Jessie discussed participation numbers and revenue compared to previous years. He also stated that our programs are supported by the users, not tax dollars.
- Lisa Stein questioned the cost and details regarding COVID supplies. Jessie stated that this is a shared cost with the Maintenance & Recreation Dept. He also spoke about the extra signage, vinyl barriers and other pandemic supplies.
- In person senior activities have been cancelled with a return date to be determined. The balance class has been running online and is successful. We are running a pick up to go lunch option on Wednesdays, provided by the county. We have added a meal cooked at the Community Ctr. for pick up on Fridays.
- Pam Cooper-Vince asked about the option we provide for any resident not able to afford a program they wish to participate in. Jessie discussed how we work with them to make satisfactory arrangements. No one is turned away due to program costs.
- We are going to resume running Food Truck Wednesdays for the fall season.

- Jessie reported on all of the different guidelines for running exercise/fitness programs.
- Jessie spoke on the PCS school request for all day care for teacher's children, but the issue resolved itself as the teachers made their own arrangements.

Comments:

The following topics were discussed by the board members:

- The board discussed various details pertaining to the pandemic.

Ron Anderson made a motion to close the meeting. Rick Taylor seconded the motion, which passed following a unanimous vote. The meeting closed at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Donnelly
Secretary