

February 7, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:05 pm then Pledge of Allegiance  
Members Present: Judy Gooslin, Dan Currier, Alternate Josh Currier, Ed Duncan.  
Members Absent: Danielle Hart.  
Staff Present: Jason Licciardi.  
Alternate J. Currier was seated for D. Hart.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. A motion was made by Josh Currier to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes.  
Judy Gooslin Second, vote carried unanimously.
3. Audience of Citizens: None
4. Budget Report
  - a. Report of Operating Budget through January 31, 2022. Board was presented a copy of Operating Budget from recreation director, Jason Licciardi. Board went through and discussed various items. Tables and basketball equipment have been ordered and overall Operating Budget will be underbudget. Motion made by Josh Currier to pass Operating Budget. Ed Duncan Second, vote carried unanimously.
  - b. Report of Rec Revenue account through January 31, 2022. Board was presented a copy of Rec Revenue account from recreation director, Jason Licciardi. Board went through and discussed how the projected revenue goal may not be met and how COVID-19 issues have affected enrollment and revenue. Costs for the summer program are expected to stay the same and ways to increase enrollment for the after-school program were discussed.
5. Recreation Programs
  - a. Director's report on programs. Director reported that there are many new programs going on or in the works including Tai Chi, Yoga, Cardio Dance, Friday Fun Night, Character Breakfast, and a Toddler Play Group. The summer program is being planned now.
  - b. Public access to building. Director reports that it has been challenging to fit in all the various groups who want access to the building, especially the gym. All 7 days of the week are booked with various organizations having access to the building. Some programs are being given two sessions to be evaluated to see if they are viable ones for the future.

Board discussed how to increase and use advertisement outlets that would help spread word of mouth of new and existing programs to increase enrollment and participation. Proposed and existing methods include:

- 1) School Web Page
- 2) Town Web Site
- 3) Facebook Page
- 4) Hand flyers to school
- 5) Use of Town Hall sign for special events
- 6) Possible flyer of programs going out with annual tax bills
- 7) Sterling email list of participants in programs

Board discussed concerns over the new security system, and it was decided that Dan Currier was going to request a meeting with the First Selectman to discuss the use of entry keys to access the recreation building.

A \$2,400 quote has been attained to update electric box and move light switches and fans. Work will be done on February 21, 2022 and come out of Recreation Revenue Account.

6. New Business

- a. 2022-23 Recreation budget proposal. Discussion of proposed budget items, increases and costs. New budget would have a \$37,905 increase. A motion was made by Dan Currier to have a special meeting to discuss the 2022-23 Recreation budget proposal. Ed Duncan Second, vote carried unanimously.

7. No other business to come before the authority.

A motion was made by Josh Currier to call the meeting to adjournment at 10:09 pm. Judy Gooslin second, motion carried.