

March 14, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:03 pm then Pledge of Allegiance
Members Present: Judy Gooslin, Dan Currier, Josh Currier, Ed Duncan,
Members Absent: Lou Vergata, Danielle Hart
Staff Present: Jason Licciardi
Alternate Jackie Angelone was seated for Lou Vergata
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion was made by Judy Gooslin to approve the February 2022 minutes. Ed Duncan Second, motion carried.
3. Audience of Citizens: Lincoln Cooper, Jack Joslin
Motion was made by Judy Gooslin to move Audience of Citizens before Director's Report on the meeting agenda. Jackie Angelone Second, motion carried.

Lincoln Cooper reported that the Recreation Director is responsible to the First Selectman for every expenditure and for budget items. Lincoln Cooper outlined the Recreation Committee's role as an advisory team and discussed its roles and responsibilities as these have changed from the ones that have been in place with the current by-laws. It was discussed how the current Recreation Committee has been following the current by-laws and Dan Currier stated that role changes should have been presented last July when the recreation director was first hired. Lincoln Cooper will be providing new by-laws for the committee to run by.

4. Director's Report on Recreation Programs
 - a. Report of Operating Budget through February 28th, 2022. Board was presented a copy of Operating Budget from recreation director, Jason Licciardi. Board went through and discussed various items. 3-4 sets of lawn mower blades will be needed. Motion made by Josh Currier to accept Operating Budget. Ed Duncan Second, motion carried.
 - b. Report of 2022 Spring Events Flyer and its programs. Board was presented a copy of the 2022 Spring Events Flyer from recreation director, Jason Licciardi. Board went through and discussed some of the various programs. Jason Licciardi reported that the Tai-Chi program will starting on March 28th, instead of March 7th, and will be extended 3 weeks to accommodate this later beginning. There is a half-page ad in the Turnpike Buyer advertising some of the spring programs at a cost of \$164. Advertising for spring programs will also be displayed on the large neon sign in front of the Sterling Town Hall. Programs will be open to residents and non-residents. It was reported that the after-school program has an enrollment of 26 students, with around 18 attending most days.

- c. Vandalism Inside of Gymnasium Storage Closet. Recreation Director read report of ransacking of gym closet twice during the time period from 2/13/22 to 2/16/22. Photos were presented documenting the damage inside the closet. Children of some of the men participating in the adult basketball program run by Josh Currier were responsible for this incident. Josh Currier stated he would liked to have been notified after the first incident so he could have taken steps to ensure the second incident would not have occurred. Josh spoke with the adults of the children about the incident and a lock has been put on the gymnasium closet. The director asked for restitution of \$72 to cover payment for staff to work extra hours in the gymnasium closet to rectify the situation. Dan Currier discussed the issue of restitution and the use of the word vandalism to describe the incident. Motion made by Jackie Angelone to waive financial restitution as accountability had been established. Judy Gooslin Second. Josh Currier abstained. Motion carried. Motion made by Judy Gooslin for the director to come up with a policy to move forward with setting standards for anyone involved with defamation of property for next month. Ed Duncan Second, motion carried.

- d. Purchase of Ice Hockey Table for Game Room. Recreation Director Jason Licciardi reported the possibility of purchasing an ice hockey table for the game room of the recreation center. This is a want list item, and the cost would be around \$1,200 for a quality table. The purchase would come out of the Operating Budget. The Director is waiting to purchase this table as other items may come before June that will need to be replaced. Jackie Angelone asked that the community be informed of the want of an ice hockey table in case anyone would donate one or other items for the game room. Motion made by Dan Currier for the Recreation Director to purchase the ice hockey table when deemed appropriate. Ed Duncan Second. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

Motion made by Judy Gooslin to table by-laws until First Selectman comes back with a draft. Jackie Angelone Second. Motion carried. Dan Currier asked that Audience of Citizens be moved back to the third spot at the top of the monthly agenda and the rest of the members agreed.

A motion was made by Dan Currier to call the meeting to adjournment at 9:28 pm. Josh Currier second, motion carried.