

**Sterling Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes January 28, 2020**

Meeting officially called to order at 7:05pm

Present: Deidre Shapiro, Kristen Dietel (Recreation Director), Jo-Ann Cummings (Committee Chair), Glen Donaldson, Mark Hryniewicz, Andy Parker, Heidi Grady

Absent: Bonnie Pulda

New Business

**Sign warrant and/or payroll
Heidi**

Review Minutes from 10-15-2019

Motion to accept Glen 2nd Bonnie All

Review Minutes from 1-2-2020

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Finance Report

Discussion \$3K left in Landscaping is for Spring Treatment which is before the end of the fiscal year

Motion to accept Glen 2nd Bonnie All

Budget

Level service increase of 2%

Additional Playground and porta potty of pump

Adjusted for state mandated part time employee pay increases

Raise for Program Assistant on 2 year anniversary

Motion: Mark to accept the budget, 2nd Bonnie All approve

Annual Report

Motion to accept Glen 2nd Mark All in favor

Proposal for 70K

Kristen presented a letter to the Selectman to propose use of the Parks and Recreation Grant

Changes were suggested

Motion to give this letter to the Selectman with some changes Glen 2nd Andy All

Boat Pass Sales

Kristen presented the issue that there is a huge demand for boat passes based on last year and should the number allowed be increased or the cost increase.

Discussion: This is a bylaw change so it is up to the Selectman to decide how many passes and the cost Recreation Department collects the money. The money goes to Rec Beach expenses.

Motion: to update of boat pass sales to the Selectman's attention and recommend that no changes be made
Mark 2nd Andy All

Village Green Donation (Letter)

Motion to Give \$50 to Village Green Spaghetti Supper Raffle

Bonnie 2nd Mark All

Sterling Basket Ball Update (Kristen Report)

Kinderball good and done

Grade 1 is going awesome

Dev 2 8 teams

3B Ref-ing is going well and fair

Dev 5 is competitive this season, teams are balanced and all teams are developing

The Committee will look to creating a new rule book to improve the for program next year

Pat McGrail Little League President

Proposal to for the Town of Sterling to renovate the feeds

Last year 13-14K renovations done by Little League Town gave \$5K

Reports

Start of season two years ago fields were mud and weeds

Met with contractors and got proposals: Kill all, new soil, hydro soil, water – looks great!

Looking for Gasby to maintain for 2020 Spring - Fall

AAA Holden Rd 1,260

Majors Field Princeton Rd 1,525

Redstone Clinton Rd 1,414

Dog Park Field / Tball field 889 (low priority)

Total 5089

Little League will pay now with a commitment from the town to reimburse – so no prevailing wages because non-profit +20-25%

Discussed looking for quotes from current landscaper. Committee was comfortable with the numbers presented from this company's proposal.

Motion: Mark makes a motion to reimburse Sterling Little League \$5K for the cost of baseball field maintenance for the calendar year

Second Bonnie

All

Review Minutes for 9/17/2019 and 9/25/2019

- Jo-Ann made a motion to accept, Mark 2nd, All in favor.

Old Business

- The Master Plan Open Space and Rec Topic Committee met last week and there is a grant to write this topic, so this topic will be written first and fast

Announcements:

None Upcoming Events

Meeting adjourned 8:35