

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

Meeting officially called to order at 7:05 pm

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

Absent: Andy Parker

New Business

Minutes from 1/28/2020

Motion to Approve Heidi

- 2nd Glen
- All approve

Minutes from 2/18/2020

Motion to Approve Heidi

- 2nd Glen
- All approve

Finance Report (Kristen)

Discussion: There is money in the budget that will bring us through the summer.

Motion to accept as written JoAnn

- 2nd Heidi
- All approve

Request for Scholarship

Discussion: One request for lake program for family, 3 kids. \$750 for 1 week, family cap for ½ day is \$350.

Motion to give \$350 toward the summer lake program. – Heidi

- 2nd Glen
- All approve

COVID 19 Updates

Town Meeting is going to try to happen

- Proposal for field design is still on the Warrant
- Discussion: Should the committee write a letter to the papers explaining what the need for the money and that it is part of the Tran grant money. Or would making sure that supporters are at the town meeting be enough.
- Action Item: Kristen will ask the Fields Committee to write a letter explaining the need.

Canceled all Spring Programs

Softball and Little League for Phase 1

- Discussion: Allowing the organizations to use the fields as long as they agree to the state guidelines. Kristen suggests drafting a waiver that the organizations sign that liability is not Town of Sterling. Little League has paid their fee for the season, softball has not paid. We are expecting them to figure out how to play and convene safely. It is not ours to do or enforce.

Beach

- Discussion: Allowed to open the beach according to state guidelines. Kristen draft Operation Protocols. Are these enough? This will be a trial basis. We will learn as we go. Signs will go up. Bathrooms have to be cleaned several times a day. We will not open if we are under staffed. Board of Health, Police and other agencies will review this proposal. Proposal to change hours to 12-6 and opening 2 weeks later than a usual season, maybe June 27.

Summer Concert Series

- Discussion: Bandstands are allowed in Phase 2. Kristen is not sure if this is an “organized event”. There will be no enforcement, but people can gather safely on their own accord. Pause the decision until we know more. First concert is usually July 1. Cancel until around July 15 and revisit in mid-June meeting. Announce rules, signage and PR.

Programs

- Discussion: Hesitant on running programs inside. Outside programs would have to be canceled if it rained. Tennis, Summer lake July 6th earliest may have to be ½ day no swim lessons. Cooking, STEM, others will move virtual. No June Sports, Field trip camp. Proposal for only residents to allow for increased staff and smaller groups that can stay away from each other.

Old Business

- Thank you to the Easter Bunny for her hard work driving around town and making the children happy.

Announcements

Upcoming Events: Next meeting June 16th.

Meeting adjourned 8:46 pm