

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 17, 2015

In Attendance: Tracy Abbott, Tim Copeland, Pam Dziama, Frank LaSorsa, Jeff Simeone

Absent: Chris Cavaretta, April Mason

Special Guest: Seth Hickey, Parks & Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Meeting Minutes

- The October Minutes were reviewed and discussed. **Tim made a motion to accept the October 2015 Minutes as written, Jeff seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.**
- The November Minutes were reviewed and discussed. **Tim made a motion to accept the November 2015 Minutes as written, Pam seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.**

General Budget

Reviewed.

Revolving Account

Reviewed. Seth stated that there are a couple items which still need to be addressed – 1) soccer will reimburse the General Budget for field lining and 2) the Field Rental account will do the same.

Sports Boards

- Soccer surveys are completed and Seth reported that the overall results were positive.
- Baseball/Softball – Seth is working with both groups to create a plan for the Spring draft process that can be implemented to help create balanced teams. Once created, this process will be applied across all Sports board.

Stevens

- There is working being done on the inside of the Babe Ruth baseball shed and there is an area being set up for storage. The new shed which is currently under discussion will be for the Softball group to use and for the irrigation system.

Stratham Hill Park

- Seth stated that the Fat Bikes have been purchased and will be available for rent in January. There are game cameras in place to help oversee the equipment.
- Seth met with the Forrest Management Committee & Charlie and we are waiting on a written report from Charlie in regards to some select tree cutting at the Park & the Town Forest. There will be short-term and long-term plans, as well as a plan to open up a few vistas from the top of Stratham Hill.
- Seth stated that Liberty Mutual will be out in May to assist with some trail work we have in progress. We will be doing some new trail work to connect a few existing trails; in regards to the Short Easement – Seth, the Selectmen, the Southeast Land Trust, and the Frechette family have been working together to create a revised agreement with the Town.
- Seth announced that Loco Cycling will be working with us on a Fat Bike 2-day event in February.
- Seth reported that the discussions are continuing in regards to the possibility of Stone Oven Catering moving to Stratham Hill Park for featured events. They have been working with Barkers Farm, have had some very successful events, and are looking for a larger space.

Administrative

- Seth said the trip last Saturday to the Portland Symphony went very well; the next group trip will be March 16th to go to the Flower Show in Boston.
- The Coyote Club is still going strong.
- Seth said the Ski Program is getting ready to kick-off, (1) Middle School bus & (2) High School busses will be going this year.

Tracy made a motion to adjourn @ 8:36 pm, Pam seconded, all were in favor. MOTION APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 21st @ 7:30pm at the Municipal Center.