

**Town of Stratham  
Stratham Recreation Commission**



**Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 21, 2012**

**In attendance:** Tracy Abbott, Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm, Tim Copeland, Seth Hickey/Recreation Director

\*Recreation Commission entered into Non-Public session at 7:15pm; Adjourned 7:31pm.

\*Public Meeting commenced at 7:31pm

**General Budget:**

-Discussed seasonal payroll, New Equipment-Park

**Revolving Account:**

-Decided it was time to consolidate the previously chosen accounts into the "Reserve Account" line item.

**Sports Board Reports:**

-Baseball: No representative present.

-Softball: Doreen MacKenzie reported; U12 has a tournament this weekend, all other teams are done, they had a good season this year though it appears attendance numbers are down a little bit.

**New Business:**

**Stevens Park:**

-Discussed a rebound tennis wall for Stevens Park (a family in Stratham was willing to donate some funds towards building this wall); Seth stated that a professional tennis wall would cost approximately \$1,400 + S/H + Install. It was decided that we don't have the funds in our budget to pursue this project and discussion was tabled.

-Turf status at Stevens Park has improved.

-We purchased a tent (\$1,600 including S/H) for use by the summer sports programs; the manufacturer of the recalled playground slide will give us a new slide and a \$2,000 credit towards an additional piece of equipment, Seth will work on finding a piece of equipment which will suit the space.

-The Baseball Board would like to name the Snack Shack & the Home Team Dugout after a couple of people who contributed much to the creation of both the field and the Snack Shack. Based on the Baseball Board's recommendations, Tim made a motion to allow Baseball to name the Snack Shack after Dan Sullivan and the Home Team Dugout after John Hopping, Stephanie seconded, all in favor – APPROVED.

-The irrigation shed is in serious need of repair, discussed having Seth put money into the budget for next year to work on the foundation, walls & utility repairs as necessary.

**Stratham Hill Park:**

-Liberty Mutual painted all the buildings today at the Park. Tim will ask the Selectmen to send a thank you letter to Liberty Mutual and all the volunteers who assisted with this project.

-The stage is in need of some repairs (rotted walls, rusting poles, etc.).

- Seth has submitted a Trails Grant request, he's looking for approximately \$5,000 to assist with trail kiosks and signage.
- Contractors using the Park--it has been noticed several times that there might be "vendors" using the Park for their own financial benefit, with no permission by the Town to use the Park in this manner. Seth will develop a letter that Kim can hand out if this is noticed again in the Park.

**Municipal Center:**

- Bettina has started looking for volunteers for the Playspace Committee which will be designed to make improvements at all of our Town "playspaces".

**Danielle Harmon Award:**

- Seth presented plaques at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation to this year's winners.  
Winners: Cade Snow & Lydia Barnes.

**Administrative:**

- Seth would like to purchase a P.A. System. Tracy made a motion to allow Seth to purchase the equipment as needed, Tim seconded, all in favor – APPROVED.
- Summer hires for the Summer Day Camp were discussed and it was decided that the personnel choices Seth has made would be great assets to the program.
- End of season parties for the different sports programs and the ways to "standardize" what are acceptable expenditures was discussed.
- Discussed the sports boards which could experience quite a bit of turnover in the next year or so and options we have for helping with this situation. Seth will put together a proposal for a potential Programmer that can be requested in our 2013 Budget.
- Seth will be on vacation from 6/28/12-7/9/12.

**Action Items:**

- Follow up with the Baseball Board to see if the fundraiser at Jade Palace was successful.
- Finalize a plan for a "Programmer" request for the 2013 Budget.
- Finalize a letter which Kim can hand out at the Park when it looks as if an outside contractor might be using this space for their own personal financial gain.

**Due to Town Fair, the next meeting to be held on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:52pm.