**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**August 1, 2022**

**Present:**  Herb Greene, Thom Francoeur, Peter Allen, Lisa Manz-Buckley, Jim Glover, Rick Nelson, and Miriam York

Excused: Dave Smith and Tracey Blandford

The meeting was held in the Town Hall meeting room and was called to order by Rick Nelson at 5:30 p.m.

Peter and Lisa were appointed as voting members until Jim arrived for this meeting and Lisa stepped back to being an alternate.

1. **Minutes**:

The minutes of June 27, 2022 were approved as written.

1. Mr. Dave Kimball submitted a copy of his concerns relating to the Town

Beach and the closing off of the guarded area during swim lessons. The

Commission discussed his concerns and a motion was made by Rick and

seconded by Thom “To maintain the current practice of closing the guarded

swim area during swim lessons”.

1. **Directors Update:**

Herb reviewed the Directors report. The summer programs have gone very well and the weather has been very good so that all programs were run fully. The beach yoga program has gone very well. The bus trip to see the Red Sox was great and even though the Sox lost they had a chance to see Big Papi honored along with several other Hall of Fame members.

1. **Beach:**

There have been three saves and one assist so far this season. The guards are glad to be back in the towers. Swim lessons have gone well. Police Patrol has been hit or miss when they can come by but are appreciated. The swim floats have been ordered and hope to be in when the raft is removed in the fall. The sink holes have been scoped out and the pictures sent to Belknap Landscaping so that they can review them and decide how to repair the sink holes. There was quite a bit of discussion about the problems with the building that houses the restrooms, lifeguard room, and the concession stand. The building has problems as does the plumbing. The closing date will hopefully be after the weekend of August 20th and 21st. Several guards and a gate keeper have to leave early.

1. **Gilford Old Home Day:**

The community dinner was very successful and approximately $800.00 was raised. Dan Barnhart and his wife donated their time and the food for the event. The next OHD committee meeting is scheduled for August 3rd.

1. **Village Field;**

The Varsity Field dugouts will be demolished after OHD and the new dugouts can begin to be constructed.

1. **Budget for 2023:**

Herb discussed several items. Two CIP items were discussed. The first would be to install a hard court surface at the ice rink so that it could be used for pickleball in the off season as well as convert the lights to LED. The second is the replacement of the beach bathhouse due to its age and deteriorating condition. The Commission supports both projects but feels the replacement of the bath house building should take priority. Also the gate keepers building needs some help.

1. **Facility Use Request:**

The home school group would like to use three of the tennis courts on Fridays beginning Sept. 9th until Oct. 14th. The time they requested was from 9:00 – 11:00. This is a busy time at the courts and after some discussion a motion was made by Thom and seconded by Rick that ”The home school group could use the courts for 11:00-1:00”. The vote in favor was unanimous.

1. **Other business:**

Rick and Thom discussed keeping an eye on the trees at Lincoln Park and the shrubbery growth at the beach to see if there are areas we can cut to open up views.

Next meeting is scheduled for  **August 29th at 5:30 at the Gilford Beach.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report