**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**June 27, 2022**

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

Excused: Tracey Blandford

The meeting was held at the Gilford Village Field Gazebo and was called to order by Thom Francoeur at 5:30 p.m.

Peter and Lisa were appointed as voting members until Rick and Jim arrived for this meeting.

1. **Minutes**:

The minutes of June 6, 2022 were approved as written

1. **Directors Update:**

Herb reviewed the Directors report. A proposed six week yoga program was discussed. It will be held at the town beach on Tuesday AM and Thursday PM. Also a self defense class to be held at the Village Field, it is a 2 hour class for those 12 years of age and above. Both programs were approved. Also a proposed lacrosse clinic for goalies was discussed and it was suggested that Laconia P&R be included to increase the number of participants.

1. **Beach:**

There are nine staff members at the beach so there are a limited number of guards in the towers. Towers will be manned until 5:00pm. There have been some problems with teenage boys in the evening and the police have been called and are aware of the situation. Herb will talk with the Chief of Police to see if there can be regular patrols. The swim raft has had one anchor chain replaced with a stainless steel one. Also several floats need to be replaced and a motion was made by Dave and seconded by Jim to

“Recommend that a sum not to exceed $6,000.00 to be used from the Capital Reserve Fund to replace all eight floats under the swim raft”. This motion was approved by a unanimous vote. These floats will come with a 10 year warranty. Swim lessons at the 1, 2, 3 levels have begun and it is hoped to have levels 1-6 in the second session. There is an issue with sinkholes on the nature trail that starts at the end of the parking lot near the adder hold. Herb is in communication with Belknap Landscape to help evaluate the situation and make recommendations on how to correct them.

1. **Gilford Old Home Day:**

The town wide yard sale was held on June 18th and raised several hundred dollars for Old Home Day. There will be a dinner held on July 20th at the Gilford Community Church to raise money for OHD. Dan Barnhart will be doing the cooking and the cost is $10.00. Tickets need to be purchased from P&R prior to the dinner. The next OHD meeting is scheduled for July 6th.

1. **Village Field;**

The Varsity Field dugouts need to be replaced. The Board of Selectmen approved the expenditure of up to $5,000.00 for the replacement of the dugouts on the Varsity Baseball Field. GHS baseball coach Mike Giovanditto is coordinating additional funds from Gilford Youth Baseball and the Gilford High School to cover the remainder of the costs.

An arrest has been made in the damage of town field.

1. **Facility Use Request:**

There were none.

1. **Other Business:**

Next meeting is scheduled for  **August 1st at 5:30 at the Town Hall.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosure: Director’s Report