**GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**March 6, 2023**

Present: Herb Greene, Rick Nelson, Jenny Hancock, Lisa Manz Buckley

Thom Francoeur, Dave Smith, Jim Glover, and Miriam York.

Excused: Peter Allen and Tracey Blandford

The meeting was called to order at 5:32

**1.** Lisa was appointed as a voting member until Jim arrived.

1. **Minutes of February 6, 2023** meetingwere approved as written.
2. **Beach Building Project:**

Holly Burbank was introduced, as she is the project manager for the beach building project. There was a lengthy discussion on rather or not we should do a survey of town residents and if so how to go about it. It was decided that Herb should put together a series of questions to ask the residents of Gilford regarding the beach building and to put it on Survey Monkey with paper copies available.

1. **Director’s Report:**

Herb reviewed the director’s report. The all-star teams competed in a tournament and the junior coed and the boys teams lost and the girls team won. The upcoming Francoeur/Babcock tourney was discussed and it will start this Thursday at 5:00 at the Middle School gym and run through Sunday. Herb reviewed the school vacation activities and the successful trip to Boston for the Celtics game.

1. **Budget 2023 discussion:**

The deliberative session was held and no changes were made to the proposed budget. Town voting will be held on March 14, 2023.

1. **Beach:**

The gate has been opened for ice fishing and will remain open until all the bob houses have been remove – hopefully by April 1st. The Town Beach Regulations include the day passes as in the past with a fee of $20.00 for the guest vehicle. Ads have been placed in the local newspapers for lifeguards, schools have also been notified. Herb has asked Dan (who has been running the concession stand) to attend our April meeting to discuss the plans for this summer and the future.

1. **Gilford Old Home Day:**

Atlas Fireworks Company has been sold and will be operating under a new name. Herb will put out a bid for this year’s OHD display to several companies before making a commitment.

1. **Village Field:**

The roofing materials still have not arrived. The repairs will wait now until spring.

1. **Stonewall Park:**

The door to the concession stand at Stonewall Park was broken into and it appeared that someone had been sleeping in there. The door has been secured. Nothing was stolen from the stand.

**10. Gilford Ice Rink:**

The rink was open all during school vacation week and with cold nights the rink will stay open. There will be no curling this year. The ice skating lessons were held with the last two sessions moving to the Fay Ice Rink in Laconia.

1. **Facility Use Requests:**

Cal Ripken gave Herb their schedule for this coming year and it will be like last year – April through November. The league is changing the distance to the bases from 60 feet to 70 feet for the 12 U division. The infield will have to be changed to accommodate this change but the fencing in the outfield will remain the same.

**9. The next meeting will be on April 3, 2023 at 5:30.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York

Secretary

Enclosures – Director’s report