

Recreation Board Minutes for 4/9/24

Tyson Gym, 7 pm

Attendees:

Hilary Linehan, Jason Loomis, Leslie Berger, Ed Huang

Guests: Beth Emmerick, Lori Mikusa, Stephen Drew

- Open Rec Board seat

Statements from potential candidates

- Lori Mikusa
 - Lived in Strafford since 1983
 - 6 sons through Newton School (23-38 yrs)
 - Willing to step back if there is a strong candidate
 - Would like to be involved regardless
- Beth Emmerick
 - Been coming to S. Strafford since she was young
 - Retired in S. Strafford for 11 years, came from Buffalo area
 - Enjoys pickleball
 - Worked for King Arthur for ~6.5 years
 - Would be happy to be involved in any way, including special projects
- Stephen Drew
 - Lived in town for 3 yrs
 - Daughter at Newton Kindergarten
 - Coached T-ball in Sharon, now Strafford
 - Want to get involved in community
- Introductions from current Rec Board members
- Hilary nominates Stephen Drew, Ed seconded
 - 4 Yes votes for Stephen
 - Leslie will tell Lisa that we are recommending that the Selectboard to appoint Stephen

- Leslie will communicate to Lori, Beth, and Dan that they were not recommended for selection, but only after the Selectboard takes action (and before the minutes are published)

- Pocket Park report

- Leslie to forward email from Anne Fayen
 - Hi Leslie, I'm traveling, so won't be able to attend this evening. No big news, except that Dave Taplin agreed to cover cost of fruit tree pruning by Mario Sacca. The three of us met a couple of weeks ago. Dave requested pruning of trees in the tennis court/ red barn area - a little by gym too.
 - Also, Ehrin's class coming to Park on 4/15.

- Installation of Bike Safety signs

- Ed to present at the 4/10 Selectboard meeting @ 7:15 pm

- Port-o-let rental

- Called Nick Howe, he came and picked it up, no charges for over the winter
- Do we need it at all this year? It takes up ~10% of Rec Board budget

- Summer camps

- Soccer camp set up for June 24-28, permit and insurance complete
- Art camp Aug 19-23 is being planned

- Tennis program?

- Dan Gottlieb has offered to organize a regular round robin
- Hilary would help with a Team Tennis league
- Hilary will also talk with him about gravel bike rides

- New Selectboard liaison to the Rec Board

- Offer to repaint Red Barn sign

- Pam Wasserman? contacted Leslie offering to repaint sign
- Should we make a new sign because the current sign is not in great shape
- Need to look at the deed to understand whether there are any specifications that need to be followed (Hilary will look at specs, Jason will look at materials for sign, Rec Board)
- Leslie will follow up with Pam
- Beth Emmerick offered up a piece of slate from her house

- Leslie made motion for \$200 approval for materials, Jason seconded, all approved

- Rec board email address inconsistencies

- Leslie will email Lisa to discuss next steps

- Storage of Newton theatrical sets in Red Barn

- Request from play group for storage of items after the Wizard of Oz production
- Currently the Newton theater rep is TBD
- TBD needs to determine what to do with existing space, props, etc.
 - Kay Morton is the director, TBD principal can help
- Meg Teachout gave access to play group to drop off items in Red Barn

- Other

- Strafford pond run by Lion's Club, Rec Board just promotes it
- Ed will set up tennis/pickleball nets on Monday, Apr 15
 - Hilary will look into town calendar for tennis/pickleball activities
- Invite Kelly Harman (new Rec Board liaison from Selectboard) to next meeting
- Need to solicit input from Rec Board for upcoming town 10-year capital plan
 - Red Barn renovations?
 - Bike/walk path parallel to JMH?

Executive Session

- Entered 7:55 pm
- Exited 8:01 pm