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Parks & Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Monday, November 7, 2022
Town Hall Room 5 @ 6:45PM

Attendance:

Committee Members: Ron Kern (RK), Pat Fillmore (PF), Sergio Coviello (SC), Rita Mullin (RM) Billie Luker (BL)

Staff: Marty Tilton (MT), Maria Brown (MB), Heidi Veader (HV)

Tardy: Sergio Coviello @ 6:58PM

Absent: Mike Fitzpatrick (MF) Sheila Sturdevant (SS) Nancy Ursino (NU)

Call to order: @6:47pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens:

LUC:

Acceptance of Minutes: @ 6:47PM

(PF) Made a motion to accept the minutes of September 26, 2022

(BL) Second the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:- Marty said that the Turf Field is ready for bids in a few weeks ,we will be in the NR Transcript this week 11/10/22. As far as the playground (good news) we can buy the equipment. We want to hire the installers but requires 3 bids, we have 2 bids that came back just waiting on the third. Tennis courts will get redone in the early Spring of 2023. Marty & his guys will be able to do the demo on the playground most likely end of Nov/ beginning of Dec depending on the weather (trying to hold off as long as possible so kids can still enjoy the playground until the Winter) We will have to rent fencing to keep people out of the area and keep it safe, we still have the \$100K for the Turf, \$100K for IRP playground & \$50K for Kidspot (Kidspot has to be spent by June 2023) swing set will remain at the park. Pat had asked about the \$\$ as people keep asking about it at the Sewer mtgs, and Marty stated what we have for the grants are individual for IRP, Kidspot & Turf.

OTHER BUSINESS:- Nothing to report

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR: Maria stated we are at \$40K deficit for this fiscal year but at this time last year we were at \$180K deficit, so we are doing great, we got a check today from NRYS for \$28K. Flush company is charging for fuel which wasn't in the budget when they

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provided me with the quotes in the beginning of the year but we are still able to make it work, we had to use them a few extra times due to kids knocking over the porta toilets at IRP.

Electricity is going up, fee's for lighting were high, Maria talked to Lauriann (in finance) we are going to have to have it as electricity fee +10% , MB to call RMLD and ask what the % will be. Subsidy from the Town has remaining \$2K for DPW/ Director. Re-appointments are due by 12/31/2022, check to see if Mike & Sheila want to re-apply. Karen Marlin has already emailed the rec com group, Rita, Pat , Billie & Sergio haven't signed them yet. Lil wanted MB to say that she had met with Abby & Rich McGowan and he said that he wanted to get things going for the Intergenerational Center & Rita wasn't happy with hearing that, she will contact Lil on 11/8/22 to set up a mtg right away to go over some concerns. Lil also stated to wait until after the new year Jan/Feb to bring up the center again.

RECREATION DIRECTOR: Nancy is not here, but she had asked Maria to let everyone know that she is starting up with winter programs, started up a new home school program silly science to start 11/10/22.

PARKS DIRECTOR: Marty said we are in winter mode, blowing the leaves, winterizing the parks, keeping up with the parks. **Rita** asked (MT) if he could put cushions on the benches and he said that they are broken and waiting on the manual to get to him as Margie was calling the manufacturer as they didn't come with the ones that were sent to put together, should LUC hire someone to help or wait until Spring?? Such as landscaper? **Lil** doesn't want Marty & his guys to do the extra work such as the tree's & benches as they do not have the time and they do it during there working hours. **Ron** asked (MT) as a Dept Head would you want another worker ? He said yes but for the Town to pay for it . **Rita** & MT had met with the Athletic Sub Committee and they said the carpet logo for the turf would be \$14,500.MB said the turf bid would be 12/15/22.

LUC: Rita is trying to see if they can come up with money to hire a landscaper to help out with the doing the tree's there are 3 of them and 2 benches that need to be redone. **Rita** had spoken with George Stacks from Hillview Commission as he wondered why there wasn't a Golf Tournament this year and she stated that it takes 6 months to put together and when she had reached out to the Hillview back in February the new management wasn't sure if they would have all there ducks in a row by then, they are a god group and are waiting on the BOH & NRFD to allow them permits.

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FONRPR: Ron asked where are we with the Disney breakfast, Pat said that it's too late to plan it as it takes a good 5-6 months to put it all together, wondering if it could be in March 2023.. We need more members for FONRPR & P&R as some of the members now are looking to get out. Ron said to ask Nancy the Rec Dir to see if there are any new parents that would be interested in volunteering, maybe have them commit to 1 event.

Intergeneration Center: No update at this time

Next Meeting Date: December 19, 2022 at Town Hall Room 5 @ 6:45 PM

Adjournment: @ 7:54 PM

(RM) Made a motion to adjourn @ 7:54 PM

(SC) Second the motion.

Approved: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion: PASSED