**MINUTES OF THE RAYNHAM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Regular Monthly Meeting, December 7, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

**Raynham Senior Center, 2215 King Phillip St, Raynham, MA**

**In attendance:** Chairman Chris Shaw, Commissioner Jim Brow, Commissioner Josh Daisy, Director Tim McRae, and Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary Samantha Sturtevant.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting. Josh seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Chris called for old business.

**Old Business (2):**

*a. Griffiths Field Fence*

-Tim said that the company had a delay on the Griffiths Field Fence but they took the fence down today and they will be installing it on Monday. They did a walk through today and it's good to go. They are looking forward to having a new fence up at Griffith's Field.

*b. Christmas Events*

-Tim mentioned that they have had some Christmas events going. The Christmas Tree Gazebo Lighting was this past Saturday, Santa was there, and everything went well. It was a good event and they will be finishing up the holiday events between tomorrow night and Thursday night with Santa's Calling.

The chairman called for new business.

**New Business (1):**

*a. Schedule Future Meeting Dates*

-Tim thanked Sammi for putting the list together of future meeting dates. He mentioned that there are all the first Tuesdays of next year except for Fourth of July week, to which they always skip that week, it will be the second week of July.

-Chris asked if they will continue to be at the Senior Center.

-Tim said yes.

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Jim Brow:** Jim said that he noticed there are some trees down by the Raynham State Forrest.

Tim said they are still short for Highway guys but it has been put on the list.

**Josh Daisy:** Thanked Norm and the Highway Department for working hard this past fall with all of the leaves and the rain despite how busy and shorthanded they are.

**Chris Shaw:** Chris said that the gazebo looks fantastic and the tree looks good with the vertical lights.

Tim mentioned that the tree is worn down. The goal is to get a new tree for next year and start fresh.

Chris asked about field signage for closed fields. He said that this past weekend it was very busy with the bicycle race. It looked really cool

Jim said it looked like they did a really good job.

Tim said that Mike does a wonderful job. They do have signs on the fields. Unfortunately, the next move is to start blocking the gates during the winter time. People come from out of town and move the goals.

Chris said there was an unauthorized group around not too long ago.

Tim said that nobody was here this past Saturday.

Chris said it was cool coming down and seeing all of the people.

Tim said the Eagle Scouts did the second bocce court. So now there are two new bocce courts out there. The last task is to repair the cornhole boards that were damaged because bocce balls were used to play cornhole. Water had also got under those damaged spots from the rain.

**Staff Reports:**

**Sammi:** Sammi mentioned that it's been a great year. She can't believe how fast it had flown by.

**Tim announced the following:**

-There are still a few openings in the Before and After School Program so if anyone is interested they can reach out to Emma and she'll get them setup. Mornings are completely full but afternoons do have some space available.

-Tim was reached out by the selectman's office to go do a yearly update to the selectman to which he will be going on January 11th.

-Tim mentioned that they got some interesting news today. The School Department reached out and asked if basketball could be run starting in mid-January. The goal is to start January 22nd. The biggest issue is getting uniforms in due to the material shortage from COVID.

-Fields are closed and 2022 Spring Field Use Permit Applications will be available come Monday for people to get those to us for January.

-Baseball reached out to Tim. They are going to hopefully attend the next meeting to talk about work they would like to do at the concession. They also would like a dumpster for the week of Christmas so they can throw out a bunch of stuff. Tim told them that if they do it while school is on vacation then it should not be a problem but he doesn't want the dumpster over there with kids around during that time.

-Some good news; the slide has been installed at the playground. It took four months. The installer came, who is playground certified, which is required now. It came on Tuesday and it was all set by Wednesday.

Chris asked who it was.

Tim said his name is Mike White and he works with a company out of upstate Maine. He is the one who handles all of New England. He did a wonderful job.

-Gymkhana building is finally underway. They've already sided it, roofed it, and now they are working on the inside framing it. They are moving right along with that project. Hopefully they will be updating Tim about what the next steps will be. They have been on a hold the past few days.

-Tim concluded by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Josh seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sammi Sturtevant

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary