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

**Regular Monthly Meeting, July 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7th meeting. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Josh called for old business.

**Old Business (1):**

1. Summer Playground Program

Tim updated the commission on the Summer Playground Program is doing great so far and the staff are doing well. It has been completely sold out. There are about 115-120 kids every day. The tadpole program has over 20 kids per week which is nice to see because before COVID when it was running, there were about 2-5 kids.

The chairman called for new business.

**New Business (4):**

1. *Under the Sun Farm*

Tim said that he had received a letter in the mail from the Board of Selectmen in regards to the Under the Sun Farm rental on Borden Colony. It was approved on June 28, 2022 from July to October 2020 under the same conditions as the previous lease. That check is being deposited this upcoming week for $1,000.

1. *Pacheco Memorial Basketball Court*

Tim shared some photos that he had taken of the trash that has been continuously getting left on the Pacheco Memorial Basketball Court. He said that there have been multiple issues with trash being left on the court, people riding their bikes on the court, and the padding around the stands has been ripped down. Tim said that they tried to replace it but it was shredded.

Chris asked if there are cameras around there.

Tim said it is but there hasn’t been a lot of police presence. There is discussion that three more cameras may be installed soon. There are now signs outside of both entrances warning those who use the court that if these issues on the property continue, the hours will be restricted.

Josh asked what the hours are.

Tim said 8:00a.am. – 9:00p.m. He said that if the issues continue then he will bring out the locks again and lock it on weekends.

1. *Before and After School Care Staffing*

Tim said that there has been a transition between staff. A lot of staff are college graduates who are moving on to full-time jobs and then there are some new ones coming in. Hiring has been a challenge as three staff have already left. Tim said that he is working with Kelly to get the word out. Both site coordinators have gotten full-time jobs as well. Tim asked if they should increase how much the staff are getting paid being that minimum wage is currently $14.25. There are no nights or weekends.

Chris said that they have the budget for it.

Tim said that they new staff is good and ready to go.

1. *Summer/Fall Field Use Permit Applications (8)*

Over the Hill Soccer League

Looking to use the multi-purpose field from august 28, 2022 – November 13, 2022 on Sundays from 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Tim said that there was a $600 fee last year. Jim made a motion to approve the Over the Hill Soccer League permit for a $600 fee. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Pappas Family

Looking to use one of the Merrill Baseball Fields for a family kickball game. Tim recommended Field #3 in case there is a conflict with football. There was no charge last year. Jim made a motion to approve the Pappas family’s permit for use of the Merrill Baseball Field #3 on Saturday August 20, 2022 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. for no fee. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Special Olympics Soccer

Looking for Sunday evenings from September 11, 2022 to November 6, 2022 from 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. at the Raynham Middle School Field. In the past, they haven’t been charged a fee. Jim made a motion to approve the Special Olympics Soccer permit from September 11, 2022 to November 6, 2022 from 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. for no fee. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Robin Wahl

Looking to use the Borden Colony Gazebo including the field for a wedding ceremony. She is aware that shew ill have to rent chairs and protopodites as well as setup and cleanup. They are looking for any of the five dates she provided that would be available which included: Saturday August 20, 2022 at 5:00p.m., Thursday August 25, 2022 at 6:00p.m., Friday August 26, 2022 at 11:00a.m., or Saturday September 3, 2022 at 5:00p.m. Tim said that there are no conflicts with any of those dates. Jim made a motion to approve Robin Wahl’s permit pending a determined date. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Raynham Police

Looking to use the Burke Babe Ruth Field a Bettencourt Football Field from Monday August 8, 2022 to August 12, 2022 from 5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. for a Youth Football Camp. Jim made a motion to approve the Raynham Police permit for the Burke Babe Ruth Field a Bettencourt Football Field from Monday August 8, 2022 to August 12, 2022 from 5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Mass Drifters

Looking to use the RMS Softball Field for three days, July 25, 2022, July 26. 2022, and July 27, 2022, from 6:00pm.m. – 8:00p.m. for six hours it would be $210 or regular hours $600.

Chris said that for three days and two hours each day would be $420. He asked what they charged last year. Tim said $600 for the full weekend.

Chris made a motion to approve the Mass Drifters for use of the RMS Softball Field for three days, July 25, 2022, July 26. 2022, and July 27, 2022, from 6:00pm.m. – 8:00p.m. for six hours it would be $210 or regular hours $600. Jim seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

**Commissioners’ Reports:**

**Chris Shaw:** It’s nice to see the volleyball court is getting used. It’s always nice to see the facilities being used when the seasons come around.

**Jim Brow:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Josh Daisy:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Staff Reports:**

**Sammi:** Mentioned that the DCR Park Pass has been getting used which is nice to see. Also shared that the Facebook page is close to seven hundred likes so it’s getting seen more and more!

**Tim reported the following:**

-There was an incident reported by the leader of the tadpole staff, Morgan. The staff noticed a suspicious man parked outside of the school. Tim called the police upon receiving the staff report to which they arrested the man.

-Tim wanted to recognize Julian who noticed plugs were old out by the Borden Colony Gazebo during a Bible Study and offered to fix them. He replaced everything for no charge which was very thoughtful and considerate.

Josh asked if he gave them a heads up as to when he would fix it.

Tim said yes. Both Norm and him went when he fixed them.

-Tim said that the Eagle Scout who was supposed to schedule a project hasn’t reahed out. He will keep everyone informed.

-There is a slide broken at the Merrill School. It will have to get fixed soon so they’ll get that taken care of.

-Summer concerts are starting tonight. There will be four shows this summer.

-Fall planning is going well. There will hopefully be sign-ups in October.

-Tim thanked Jeremy and Haresh for their completed terms as Presidents for Football and Soccer.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Josh seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sammi Sturtevant

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary