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

**Regular Monthly Meeting, May 3, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. Josh made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5th meeting. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Chris called for old business.

**Old Business (2):**

1. *Rental Property*

Tim sent off the changes to Ted Peitnik to update the lease and once that’s completed then he will meet with the tenants to sign.

The chairman called for new business.

**New Business (4):**

1. *Reorganization of Commission*

Tim said that they will have to hold off on this item because they need full attendance.

1. *Civil Air Patrol Training Request*

Tim said that he received an email from second lieutenant Martin Lessem. He’s looking to do a training for the U.S. Civil Air Patrol. Drones haven’t been allowed around Borden Colony since the incident that occurred a few years ago when a drone got caught in the offspring nest. Tim said that he thinks this is a great cause for the community so he is all for it.

Chris asked where they are looking to conduct their training.

Tim said that they are looking to use mainly the airplane field over Borden Colony. Tim said that he will have to let them know to stay away from the offspring nest. If there are any sports going on then they cannot fly. There were some issues with that a few years ago as well with drones being flown over the fields while sports were going on. Tim said that he will reach out to them and get that going.

1. *Memorial Day Parade*

Tim said that he got a letter from R.A.V.E. they got permission from the selectman to run the parade. They wanted to reach out for approval to hold the ceremony after the parade at the gazebo on Saturday May 28th.

Chris said that it’s exciting the parades are back.

1. *Spring Field Use Permit Applications (2)*

*Jazmin Cartagena*

She is looking to do a 1st birthday at the gazebo on Saturday June 11th. Right now, there is no conflicts. Tim looked back on the history since he has been here and he hasn’t seen any birthday parties done there. Tim spoke to her that if approved, that there is no alcohol or inflatables and they would have to bring a porta-potty.

Chris asked if the porta-potty that’s there will be there at the time of the party.

Tim said that it will be but he recommends another one due to the cleanliness by the time the party is for other groups coming in as well.

Sammi asked if it’s rain or shine.

Tim said yes. The closest thing that they have done out there is a wedding ceremony for a local resident.

Josh asked if they charged.

Tim said they did not charge for that because of their residency.

Chris asked if there is power out there.

Tim said yes.

Josh made a motion to approve the 1st birthday party on June 11th for a fee of $175. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

*LaLiberte Parents Organization (L.P.O.)*

Tim said that the L.P.O. is looking at doing an outgoing end of the year celebration for fourth graders. They are looking to bring in an inflatable on the Bettencourt field. Tim said that he spoke to Norm and one concern is that there cannot be spikes into the ground. They can use sand bags. The other concern is how long the inflatable will be on there before the grass burns. Norm said that it shouldn’t be a problem for 4-6 hours. After, they can turn on the water just to make sure it won’t burn. Tim said in his opinion, as long as they aren’t putting spikes on the ground and put water on it right afterwards then it will be a nice event for the kids.

Josh made a motion to approve the L.P.O permit for no fee. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

**Commissioners’ Reports:**

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

**Chris Shaw:** Chris mentioned that he was on King Philip over the weekend and saw the race that was happening. It was approved by the town but he doesn’t think they realized that they would use the parking lot as a turnaround which isn’t a big deal. He was blown away by the amount of people attending with one police officer. He said he also saw that the gate to Olson’s Nursery was open so he drove down there just to see if there was anything going on. The new paving looks nice and it’s quite the operation. Chris mentioned that he also went to the Gymkhana building and they did a great job building the announcement booth.

Tim said that the morning of their first show he spoke to the Vice President Joe and they are very happy with it. He spoke to John the next day and he loves it. There’s a nice storage area and a nice announcing area.

Chris said that it’s fully weatherized and they have all of the windows which is nice. All of the speakers are all hooked up. Some other things are still coming along but it looks like they poured the basement.

Tim said that they are going to leave a little bit of a crawl space down there so they can still get in for minor storage but overall, if they ever decide to expand the bathrooms then they will still have access to get into that area downstairs.

Chris said that they have the HVAC going. He’s happy they decided to reconstruct. They’re doing a lot of work and it looks nice.

Tim added that the runs are going to be on the far side and they’re going to have four runs that go in and out of the building. They’ll have a separate area in-between with a separate fence so that there’s another line of protection in case a dog was to ever get out of the run. There’s a little grass area where they can run there as well.

Chris said that it looks like they decided to put the runs opposite the paddock which he thought was great because it was one of his concerns to have the horses and the dogs out at the same time.

Tim said that he has a key if they would like to tour over there.

Josh asked if there is signage over there to address that there are no dogs allowed.

Tim said that it’s the biggest concern out of this whole thing because there will be an A.C.O. there and dogs can be stored for various reasons but people may still think that they can come on the property. It’s a never-ending battle.

Chris said that he’s impressed and looking forward to the completion.

**Staff Reports:**

**Sammi:** Sammi mentioned that the DCR pass has come in so if any Raynham Residents are interested in state parks then they can sign out the pass. Residents may sign out the pass for 24 hours max but can sign up as many times as they would like.

**Tim reported the following:**

-Town Meeting is Monday May 16th at 7:00p.m. at R.M.S. It seems like it is back to normal in the auditorium.

-Summer Registration is off to a great start. Families seem very interested in the things that they will be doing so it should be a great summer.

-Tim sent a letter to the T.M.L.P. Light Commission to replace some lights to LEDs which could be a long process but they will start with one field and work their way around.

-The Easter Egg Hunt was on Saturday April 9th. It was a great success. Over seven-thousand eggs were found. It was a busy morning.

-Tim mentioned that the April Vacation Club also went great.

-Tim wanted to follow-up on Jim’s previous report in regards to Raynham State Forrest. Before he went away, he reached out to his contact and wished him a congratulations because he was recently promoted. He did relay what is going to happen with the new contact. They are going to get out there but it did get delayed to due the transfer of power.

-Tim reiterated that the Rough Riders were very happy with the Gymkhana building. It was great seeing John and Joe, they were very happy with everything.

Chris said to tell him to spread the word. There aren’t many horse clubs anymore.

Tim said he believes that they have about twenty shows between April and October. They have quite a few Sundays and it’s an all-day affair.

Chris said as long as they spread the word that’s good.

-Tim wanted to give an update on Sunday Morning Softball. They are only going to be using Borden Colony from time to time because they found two fields on dirt, which they have been trying to do for a long time. They will have to coordinate with Tim before they come out.

-The new office sign has been ordered. It should be here in the next couple weeks.

-Tim followed-up with Chris in regards to the Legion Field and there was no damage.

Chris said that he did go himself and he couldn’t believe it. Most likely because there was no rain.

Tim said that he is glad there is no damage. Lacrosse is out there practicing.

-Tim concluded by congratulating Kendyll Shaw on graduating.

Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sammi Sturtevant

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary