



TOWN OF RANDOLPH, VERMONT

Recreation Advisory Committee Monday, September 21, 2020 – Meeting Minutes Rec Camp Pavilion

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Notes

1. **Call to order:** 5:32 pm

Committee Members Present:

Kristin Chandler
Larry Davignon
Kristen Gage
Kyla Grace
Dalyn Luedtke
Paul Rea
Valerie Schoolcraft

Absent:

Larry Satcowitz, Selectboard Liaison

Town Staff Present:

Haidi Arias; Recreation Director

2. **Public comment:** None.

3. Updates by the Rec Dept. by Haidi Arias:

a. Nick Bent, who has worked at the Rec Summer Camp for the last six summers has been hired on as the new part-time Recreation Coordinator. He will work 15-20 hrs/wk and his duties will include overseeing the soccer program and the ice rink. He is also interested in adding e-sports to the roster of town offerings this winter. This program would be implemented either at the ice rink or in online discords. Kristen Gage asked about where the funding for this program would come from. Arias answered that it would be grant funded. Gage suggested that Bent talk with Matt Gustafson at Pixels & Bricks and Bent thought that was a good idea and said he would. Arias is looking into the ice rink serving as a hub for hybrid learning as well, which would require three adult staff members as well as an upgraded internet system for the building. Everyone on the committee was impressed by Bent and thought he was a great addition to the year-round staff.

b. The final tallies for the summer are in, and they aren't as low as anticipated with the limitations on programming due to COVID. Swim lessons totaled \$6500, which is a great number. Open swim revenue was

obviously way down due to the limited hours/capacity restrictions, with the total revenue around \$1000, but water aerobics classes brought in \$650 and water polo and Junior lifeguarding brought in \$500 each. Summer camp revenue was \$34,000 for the summer, which covered staffing costs, which is especially impressive because no Clara Martin staff was present this year, so the town had to absorb that cost. The minimum wage in the state will increase to \$11.50 next year, so it'll start getting tricky to cover staffing costs. Camp will need to increase fees to cover the staffing cost increases.

4. **Scheduled Items:**

a. **Motio Rec:** Lindsay and Keegan Haupt came to talk about their facility and offerings. Motio Rec is open, and ran a number of summer camps this year. They have turf space and would like to offer pickleball, cornhole, and/or bocce. They will be installing an air exchanger for a safer indoor environment, Kristin Chandler asked if they require their staff and their participants to wear masks. Lindsay Haupt answered that it's more about social distancing, but yes, people are masked when within 6 feet of each other. Chandler asked if they are involved with the high school volleyball team. Haupt answered no. Paul Rea and Kristin Chandler would like to do a walkthrough, with Haupt said could definitely happen. Valerie Schoolcraft asked about what the facility offers for high-school aged kids, and Haupt answered that they have a rock wall.

b. **Harmony Park:** Rotarian Sonny Holt led the committee through the now-completed Harmony Park and solicited feedback about the upcoming Opening Event. Discussion topics included: numbers of invitees/attendees, masks/social distancing, registering, sanitation, the schedule of events for the gathering, parking, etc. The committee has concerns about the size/scope of the harmony park event. Arias and Larry Davignon will talk with Rotary/David Palmer to limit the scope of the event and will suggest that they do something very small now and something bigger in the spring.

c. **Safe & Seen Halloween:** The town-wide celebration will kick off with scarecrow decorating on Oct 3 in the gazebo park. The scarecrows will be quite large so they'll be placed in cement so they don't blow over. Safe & Seen will be a drive-through event in the student parking lot at RUHS. One big goody bag with candy and other goodies will be given to each child in the vehicle. All items are being donated by local businesses. The RUHS Honor Society will help by bringing props and decorating. There will be an area set up for photos. Dalyn Luedtke asked if the town is taking a stand on trick or treating? Arias answered no. Flyers about Safe & Seen will go out to all 4.

5. **Future Agenda Items:** Winter Lights Parade

6. **Adjournment:** 6:46 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room B.