

**Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting  
January 21, 2021**

**In attendance:**

**Ed Gallitelli**

**Debra Varnerin**

**Christine Geertsma**

**Kevin Dearman**

**Rebecca Acheson**

**Carolyn George**

**Arthur Barbera**

**Ryan Sullivan absent**

- 1. Adoption of December 17, 2020 meeting minutes**
  - a. Motion to Adopt the Minutes: Chris Geertsma
  - b. Second: Debbie Varnerin
  - c. All in favor
  
- 2. Review and Approve December Financials**
  - a. Motion to approve financials: Ed Gallitelli
  - b. Second: Kevin Dearman
  - c. All in favor
  
- 3. Update Lower Columbia, deck, stone parking & pathways**
  - a. Requested updated info from Mayor, Joe Graziano and Doug Reinstein
  - b. Carolyn met with Eugenia today on capital budget and is establishing meeting next week specifically on drainage. Driveway is BOE property, budget should not come from Recreation.
  - c. Tom Solfaro needs engineering info / Joe Franchino submitted ~\$20K quote
  - d. Carolyn inquiring if Debbie can attend or it's township only attendees
  
- 4. Update on move into new Town Hall**
  - a. Carolyn, Trish and Deb have been busy setting up the space
  - b. Have been meeting with suppliers and contractors on equipment and supplies
  - c. Rebecca has volunteered to assist to help – CO is for employees only so rec commission cannot currently help
  
- 5. Recreation Capital Projects**
  - a. Eugenia asked for six -year plan. Carolyn & Debbie working on plan.
  - b. Tennis light upgrade to Led with timers, overhang over Memorial, bandstand are some examples of long- term plans
  - c. Path, driveway, parking, sand pro, acoustic fence for pickle ball, and timing locks on bathrooms for lower Columbia are requests made for 2021.
  - d. Budget request for 2021 has been increased by \$10K to accommodate for revenue gap due to COVID. Budget would be used for event/decoration/special projects.
  
- 6. Official change of April 15<sup>th</sup> Rec Commission Meeting to April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- a. Will update on Town Website

**7. Read out from field usage fee task force**

- a. Rebecca investigated what Cranford and Scotch Plains does for field usage fees.
- b. She has a spreadsheet by line items- essentially divided by resident and non- resident fees.
- c. Cranford Residents: \$125/non-resident \$250 / Scotch Plains - \$75 residents/non-residents \$150 – and then scaled charges up & down by type of field (grass vs. turf). Don't book non-resident activities on weekends.
- d. We need to finalize our tennis/pickleball fees by second week in February. Rebecca to reach back out on tennis programs and circulate next week via email. We will look to vote on this item via email next week.
- e. Remaining field/team fees will be decided during February meeting.

**8. 2021 Reorganization: Elect Recreation Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

- a. Nomination 2021 Chairperson: Chris Geertsma nominated Ed Gallitelli – Art seconded --- unanimous agreement
- b. Nomination 2021 Vice-Chairperson: Ed Gallitelli nominated Debbie Varnerin –Rebecca seconded – unanimous agreement

**9. Other Business**

- a. Snyder Bathrooms have been vandalized which is why they've been locked. Debbie has been unlocking during busy sports times. Discussed getting porta-john which has been discouraged for same vandalism reasons. Typically County Parks lock bathrooms in winter so Carolyn investigating alternatives for approval.
- b. Concert/movie discussion needs to be prioritized for February meeting. Beer garden as a fundraiser suggested. Boxcar was successful and can be revisited. Maybe do two concerts vs. four and supplement with local bands or kids bands to help stem expenses.

**10. Meeting Closed**