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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday September 18, 2023

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
Daniel Curran
John Cusolito
Brad Tilley
Reggie Maidment
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Minutes – John makes motion to approve minutes from 5/10. 2nd- Dan All in Favor 4-0

2. Summer 2023 Recap

Sean gave the committee a brief powerpoint presentation with a recap from the 2023 summer at the Pool and Patton Park Program. It began with details from our Patton Park Summer Camp program. We were lucky to have our entire leadership team return for 2023 which made the program run extremely smoothly since everyone was already familiar with the program from the previous summer. We had 1,960 unique registrations for our camp program this summer. This amounted to 530 different children throughout the summer and about 204 children per week. We have 51 staff members and 47 C.I.T.s this summer. One issue that was brought up by Sean was the demand for the camp sessions and families booking more weeks than they needed up front knowing they would only lose a \$25 deposit on each session they backed out of later. The plan to try to curbe this behavior next year will be to up the deposit amount to a threshold at which families would not want to overbook and lose a more substantial amount of money by backing out later.

The Veteran's Memorial pool ran well this summer. We had 359 memberships and did about 818 drop ins throughout the summer. One change this summer was that we took credit card payments for drop ins and concessions at the pool which many patrons took advantage of. One bright spot this summer at the pool was our swim team. They went 5-0 on the season and placed 1st at the all-star meet.

3. Fall Programming

Our fall programming is up and running for 2023. On the first day of registration we took in about 500 registrations. We have added many pickleball options as well as an Adult Softball League. Our Youth Field Hockey program has joined the Baystate Youth Field Hockey league this year and runs very much like any other youth sport program in town. The girls are loving it and off to a great start this season!

4. Turf Field Project

Sean gave a brief update on the Turf Field project. There was not much new information to report but Sean believes the next steps are for the design and bidding to take place with projected construction to begin in Spring 2024. If all goes as planned the fields would be completed by early to mid fall 2024. This would take the fields at the high school offline for the entire spring 2024 season and potentially the beginning of the fall 2024 season. Sean has been working with Craig to relocate all high school sports teams to other locations for the spring 2024 season.

5. New Business

Steve brought up the fact that the Pingree Park Tennis Courts are being used heavily for pickleball recently and suggested that we look into making those courts or part of those courts into pickleball courts.

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John let the committee know that the CPC will be resuming regular meetings beginning this week and he would report back to the committee any relevant information.

Brad reminded Sean that we need to get the handicap parking signs up at Pingree Park and Donovan Field.

Brad makes Motion to adjourn. 2nd- John All in Favor 5-0

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Kiely- Administrative Assistant