

Board of Recreation Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024

Community Center

6:00pm

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1. Call to Order: F. Beriau called the meeting to order @ 6:00
2. Roll Call: Present: F. Beriau, H. Blade, K. Mahan, V. Carter B. Lohbusch, A. Eisley
T. Derosiers, M. Hayes, T. Giambattista. Absent with notifications: M. Phillips, M. Lehoux,
L. Zornado, T. Wakefield
3. Citizen's Participation:
4. Correspondence: B. Lohbusch shared a letter received from a Killingly resident
complimenting the Killingly Parks and Recreation on programming, including camp,
youthoop basketball, and additional programs.
5. Adoption of Minutes: Motion was made by H. Blade second by K. Mahan. No further
discussion, all in favor passed unanimously.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Westfield Ave. update: Move in time slated for July 1, 2025. April 1st is the
construction start date. A. Eisley and B. Lohbusch toured the auditorium to
assess work needed. The sound system has been stolen, lightening issues on
stage, tech box equipment needs update and wiring are currently some. The
estimated cost is approximately \$200,000-250,000. H. Blade asked if this money
is part of the money allocated for renovations. Discussion on completion of
auditorium time frame, B. Lohbusch wants to see the theater completed at move
in time. A. Eisley reported there may be a grant for some of the cost.
7. New Business:
 - a. Recreation Supervisor Introduction: T. Derosiers has joined Killingly Parks and
Recreation. B. Lohbusch shared the responsibilities of this position.
 - b. Approval of Board of Recreation Meetings 2024, all in favor.
 - c. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee Representative: The committee is
looking for someone from the board to recreation. K. Mahan volunteered to be a
regular, H. Blade an alternate.

8. Director's Report:

- a. Spooktacular: B. Lohbusch reports the parade was a great success and the department is working on some additions for next year.
- b. A. Eisley reported all fitness programs are currently full, with an addition of ballroom dancing. Senior programs include Wednesday movies, attendance approx. 50, senior fitness programs, Christmas and theater events, and wellness programs. Monitor My Health will begin January 31st.
- c. Youthoop: T. Derosier reports 341 kids are enrolled in the program . Feb 1st all girls are invited to the High School girls' game, Feb 2nd will be the boys' game at the high school.
- d. Theater: H. Blade reports Carrie did not have the attendance hoped for. The show has some new and amazing actors. This year our Christmas show, The Night Before Christmas had an additional sensory show. The show is shown in a relaxed environment, with music removed and lights lowered. The show was well received by those who came. Willy Wonka, the next performance will also have a sensory show, we hope to reach out to additional people. Little Theater on Broad St. is currently the only local theater offering this performance. Coming up: The Valentine Cabaret, "Love at First Song", and Singing Cupid. Discussion as to how to improve marketing and awareness of theater programs.
- e. Fireworks 2024: Letters have been sent to the sponsors from previous years. Currently the department has received \$2000 towards fireworks. \$18,000 is needed to cover the expenses of fireworks and entertainment.
- f. Budget: B. Lohbusch reported the process of 2024/25 has begun, including capital projects. The budget will be submitted Jan 31st. Budget meetings Feb. 5&6th

9. Liaison Report: T. Giambattista reported Hartford Health Care has opened an OnMed clinic as of January 5th. On Jan. 9th there will be a recognition for all groups who were at the Ballouville fire. May 6th is the annual town meeting/May 14th town budget vote.

10. Other: Volunteer of the Year: The department has decided there will be two people recognized each year, recreation, and theater. Chris Brandiff and Jeff Grocki will be this year's recipients.

11. Adjourn: Motion made by H. Blade, second by K. Mahan. No further discussion, meeting adjourned.