Board of Recreation Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2019

Community Center

6:00pm

1. Call to Order: M. Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:01PM .
2. Roll Call: Present: M. Phillips, J. Milliard, T. Mason/ Recreation Director, M. Calorio/ Town Manager, M. Johndrow, F. Beriau Lynn LaBerge, A. Eisley/Asst. Recreation Director

Absent without notification: C. Dunn, H. Flexer

1. Citizen’s Participation: N/A
2. Correspondence: mentioned a phone call the department received regarding transportation for people to get to events. This came in from Carol Kania, a town resident. Hoping the department might be able to find a way to supply transportation to events and programs especially for seniors.
3. Adoption of Minutes: L. LaBerge made the motion to accept the minutes for the July 2019 meeting J. Milliard seconds. No further discussion passes unanimously.
4. Unfinished Business:
   1. Review and Rendering of Community Center: M. Calorio reports regardless of Community Center moving the Westfield Ave. will cost approximately $10,000,000. The additional cost for the Community Center is approximately 6,000,000 which would include renovations, expanding paving and outdoor lights. Discussion continued regarding the impact of sharing space and loss of gymnasium use. The Town Manager, the Recreation Director and Asst. Director, town engineer, fire marshal, and Board of Education will meet on to discuss this at a later date.
   2. Field usage/fees: Letter to be sent to Legion and Little League.
5. New Business:
   1. Recreation Supervisor: Michael Muise has joined the recreation department as our new Recreation Supervisor.
   2. Parks: Discussion on placing lines on the tennis court to convert the courts for use of pickle ball. There is a possibility of donation to cover the cost. Magnetic locks have been placed on the upper bathroom area. The park was experiencing vandalism in those areas. While there were some minor issues with the locks they have been taken care of sense.
   3. Volunteer of the Year: Several people were nominated; Killingly Brooklyn Rotary was chosen. M. Phillips made the motion to nominate KB Rotary as the recipient of the award for this year second by J. Milliard no further discussion, passed unanimously.
   4. Budget: T. Mason discusses the impact minimum wage will have on the department. Going forward the cost of programs will have an increase. Looking for boards support when it comes time for the presentation of the budget as well as with the public when/if they ask board why fees have risen.
   5. Special Events 2020: All special events are scheduled for next year. A copy was given to everyone in attendance. Discussion about the decision to host the RWB BBQ on the proposed date.
6. Director’s Report:
   1. CTPA- CT Tree Protective Association gave each town a tree to plant for a celebration regarding the Tree Warden Act, the tree was planted in the green area by the dog park on the river trail.
   2. This year the recreation department received two Norwich Bulletin awards: second place for the Little Theater on Broad Street and first place for Owen Bell Park – Best Place to Bring Kids.
      1. Update on past events: Summer concert continue to grow in numbers. The average number of attendees is 250/300.
      2. Bike Night: largest year yet and the distribution of donations to TEEG and the KB Rotary are taking place with each group receiving close to $2,300.
      3. Tomato Festival: Event remains successful and bringing in between 2500-3000 people for the day.
      4. Camp Wallaby: Once again summer camp was full.
   3. Upcoming Events and Programs:
      1. Scarecrow Kingdom, October 26, 2019
      2. “The Addams Family” Oct 31st- Nov 3rd. tickets now on sale!
      3. Tree Decorating, Dec. 5th followed by Frosty’s Big Night Dec.6th, and Breakfast with Santa Dec.7th. PHEW!!! 😊
      4. Youthoop: evaluations are currently taking place, the games will begin the weekend after Thanksgiving.
7. Liaison: At the August town council meeting we again reviewed the charter revision changes and added a question concerning 4 year term limits and voted to add the questions to the November ballot and a question about town wide curb side trash, recycling, and bulky waste pick-up. There were three public meetings to explain the curb side particulars.

A presentation was given to the town council by Titan Energy for solar energy opportunities on school and municipal buildings. There are different areas panels can be placed-rooftop, ground and carport. Greenskies will cover all costs.

In October a public hearing was held concerning amending the Procurement Code of the Town. The council voted in favor of the changes the ordinance. End of the fiscal year transfers were also made

1. Adjourned: Motioned made by M. Johndrow to adjourn. F. Beriau seconds, no further discussion, meeting adjourned @ 7:16PM.