\*\*Board of Recreation Meeting\*\*

Monday, October 2, 2020

Town Hall Meeting Room

6:00pm

1. Call to order: M. Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:03

2. Roll Call: Present: M. Phillips, M. Lehoux, M. Collins, F. Beriau, T. Wakefield, D. Farrow Absent without notification: C. Dunn

3. Citizen’s Participation: NA

4. Correspondence: A letter was received from the Orzulak family requesting the possibility of having a bench in Owen Bell Park.

5. Adoption of Minutes: M. Collins makes a motion to adopt the minutes from the

July,2020 meeting. F. Beriau seconds, no further discussion, passes unanimously.

6. Unfinished Business:

a. Owen Bell Park: T. Mason reports on the surfacing of the playground. The job is completed, and the department is very pleased with the work. It is the hope to get quotes for covering a small area of the splash pad. This portion will come under next year’s budget.

b. Programming:

i. Basketball: Due to Covid the department will not be offering their traditional basketball program. The program will have limitations as there is only use of the Community Center gym. The program will run for 5 weeks with groupings of grade levels. M. Phillips asked if Brooklyn residents will be included. As with the traditional program yes, there will be an additional fee of $5. Flyers are available at the Community Center and posted on Facebook with all information.

ii. Classes: Fitness classes: Currently three senior classes are running in the morning, three yoga classes and a kick boxing class in the evening. Other programs: Sign language, babysitting, and Wednesday morning coffee social for seniors.

iii. Classroom Uses: The department is also offering gym rental time and class rentals for families.

iv. Theater: Theater group is working to put forth a holiday cabaret which will be outdoors on Saturday, Dec. 5th at Davis Park. All contingent with the regulations surrounding covid.

v. Events:

* Saturday, December 5th, Christmas Cabaret @ Davis Park. The department is waiting to sell tickets until the date is closer to the event.
* Scavenger Scarecrow: October 26-31,working with KBA we have 19 businesses participating in this event. We have hunt clues available at the community center and on our Facebook page.
* Holly Jolly Car Caravan: Friday, December 4th, families will stay in their car: Santa and Mrs. will be on decorated wagons along with Rudolph and Frosty. The library will be collecting letters for Santa, Killingly Brooklyn Rotary will be handing out goodies, and there will an area of collecting toys for the Tommy Toy Fund. All will be located on the route.

7. New Business:

a. Recreation Supervisor: Michael Muise has resigned and relocated to his hometown. The department is hopeful to fill the position after the new year.

b. Bench dedication: Following the letter from correspondence, discussion took place on approval of the Orzulak in remembrance of bench. T. Mason feels it would be a nice addition to the park. Motion was made to accept family wishes by M. Lehoux seconded by F. Beriau. All in favor passes unanimously. M. Phillips discusses the idea of a policy to be put in place for situations as this one. Some suggestions from the board would be to create a list of items needed and wanted. M. Lehoux asked would the list include other areas. The suggestions will be discussed in the department and a list brought to the board for consideration.

c. Volunteer of the Year: Tabled to January 2021.

d. Irrigation at Owen Bell Park: Discussion took place how to improve water source into the pond. The pond is filled by run off, and discussions now taking place to find different ways to help with water source. T. Mason is currently working with engineering, parks crew and DPW. D. Farrow asked about the current situation of the fish and the depth of the water. T. Mason shares information regarding conditions for fish currently.

e. Baseball field: Department of Public Works and the parks crew worked together to redo the baseball mound of the Desaulnier field at Owen Bell.

8. Director’s Report:

a. T. Mason comments on how hard staff continue to work on creating new programs currently. We hope to continue to offer as much as we are allowed within the regulations we work with.

b. Brian O’Day a college student has chosen us/Owen Bell to work with work on a project for a collegiate class. He is building chin up bars along side the track at Owen Bell Park. The department is very appreciative of his work. The project is expected to be completed in the next two weeks

9. Liaison Report:

a. D. Farrow/BOE: All schools are currently distance learning; plans are for schools to open early dates in November. They are on the second round of interviews for the Superintendent of Schools. The hope is to have a new superintendent by January 2021.

b. T. Wakefield /Town Council: T. Wakefield reports next town council meeting November 10th @ 7:00pm. There will be a public hearing prior to meeting. T. Wakefield discussed items from the last meeting.

10 Adjourn: D.Farrow made the motion to adjourn, M. Collins seconds, meeting adjourned @ 6:45.