

# **Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2022**

**Members Present:** Erin Bradbury, Robyn Floyd, Dan Correia

**Members Absent:** Rob Owens, Robin Grady

**Others Present:** Nichole Hallett, Recreation Director  
Kate Youngstrom, Recreation Program Coordinator

Erin Bradbury called the Recreation Committee meeting to order at 7:04PM.

## **Minutes:**

**A motion was made by Robyn Floyd and seconded by Dan Correia to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting.**

The minutes of March 8, 2022 were approved as written.

## **Director's Report:**

Introduction of Kate Youngstrom as the new Program Coordinator. She is a resident of Holden and has previously worked for the Recreation Department.

## **Summer:**

- There is a high need in hiring, especially for lifeguards; we are also look for basketball and tennis instructors. Nichole encourages all members to reach out to their own networks if there may be interested and qualified candidates. (There are flyers that can be shared)
- Pool Passes went on sale to Holden residents on March 7
- Review of current data that is in the director's report
- Internet access now available for staff at the pool
- There is a new check-in process at the pool
  - No more in person pickup of passes, no more hard passes
  - Bring ID, pass-checker will look up in our system (Student ID's can be used also).

Possible issues discussed:

*What if the internet is down and the system cannot be accessed? Could use physical printed lists/passes in that situation. What about people leaving the pool for food truck Fridays? Getting a stamp or similar system. What about middle schoolers with no ID's? Can verify address, phone number, or parents name in the system.*

### **Programs:**

- All-day program is completely full and high numbers on waitlists for all weeks
- Discussion about how to grow program - apply for an exemption to run a summer camp, not a day care. Nichole and members see and discuss benefits as well as challenges
- The need is there from the community
- Right now we max out at 65 kids, would be a big revenue increase to get 100 kids
- Discussion of possibly starting program next year to support school half days
- Purposeful play has been very successful
- Babysitting and home alone courses have been going well

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Field Updates
- Director's report contains information about fields
- Discussion of other towns and practices
- Working with the DPW and sports leagues
- Goal is to improve communication about opening the fields
- Review of Sales Report of Programs
- Looking at programs registration
- Reviewing revenues between years (2022, last year, and pre-Covid 2019)
- Staff Professional Development coming up

Motion was made by Erin Bradbury, and seconded by Dan Correia to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

**The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**