

Recreation Committee

August 23, 2023

4:00PM, Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Jeff Shapiro (JS), Josh Cottone (JC), Kadion Phillips (KP), Jim Rosseel (JR), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Members Absent: Juliana Kuszewski

Others in Attendance:

OPENING OF MEETING KP made a motion to open meeting at 4:13 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES 6-14-23. Motion to Accept by JS, seconded JC. 3-0

Jim Rosseel arrived at 4:20 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Updated on Summer Activities; Summer Recreational Program, Concerts, Farmers Market.** AR noted that this also include Outdoor Basketball and Outdoor Volleyball leagues. The Summer Program has ended with 234 registered! The Mini Program, offered two weeks during the summer, had 24 registered. Both programs broke all registration records! While it has been a very rainy season, concerts and farmers market overall are going well with minimal cancellations.
2. **Fall and Winter Programs.** Upcoming; Free Fun Series, Spooky Nights, Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Town Bonfire, Tree Lighting, NYC Bus Trip, Light Up Sturbridge.
3. **Turners Field.** The Recreation Committee discussed the request to open up the outfield at Turner's field for football practices. It has been closed for two years for major field renovations. While the Committee is hesitant to ruin the work that was done, as the field is not designed for football, they also understand the significant shortage in practice locations for this league and have agreed to open it to provide more space. Pending the following expectations; no one on infield, no cars pulling onto the grass, obeying closures due to rain or inclement weather, contributing to repair any new damage.
KP made a motion to open Turners Field Outfield for Football practices, seconded by JC. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Update on WooSox Sturbridge Town Takeover.** AR reported that 269 tickets were sold through the fundraiser linking, placing Sturbridge in 5th place overall! That is \$1,345.00 to be donated to Sturbridge Little League.

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. **Harvest Festival, October 14 and 15, 2023 on the Town Common. Chamber of Commerce.**
2. **Southbridge Garden Club, May 18, 2024. Town Common**
3. **Catseye Pest Control, September 30 2023, Cedar Recreation. Private reservation.**

KP made a motion to accept the usage requests listed, with the Harvest Festival pending PD signature. Seconded by JS. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: JC made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:07 PM. Seconded by KP. Vote 4-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: September 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director