

Fitzwilliam Recreation Commission Meeting
April 21, 2020 Minutes

Commission Members in attendance via Zoom: Bill Brown, Lyndsey Murphy & Robyn Andersen

Meeting Convened at 7:15PM

- Roadside Litter Cleanup

22 roads were cleaned up, approx. 60 bags of trash were collected plus various other items. All agreed we should plan another cleanup in the Fall.

- Pickleball

Jim Talbert, a Fitzwilliam Resident and Pickleball enthusiast reached out to Sheena and is enthusiastic to get a Pickleball League underway in town. We're in a holding pattern due to social distancing restrictions but when it is safe to do so, will put up the tennis nets.

Jim has asked that three, 2 hour time slots per week are reserved for Pickleball specifically. Days/Times TBD but would be a weekday afternoon, weekday evening, and weekend morning/afternoon.

The Commission agrees that this is a great initiative to support in whatever way we can. Sheena will continue the conversation/planning with Jim.

- Constant Contact

Sheena reported that compiling email addresses from past paper registration forms into lists is underway for use in Constant Contact. This will help us to segment and target past participants as well as send regular electronic communication (monthly) to current/past participants for all upcoming programming/events.

- Fitzwilliam 5K & Food Truck Festival

Based on the current Stay At Home Restrictions, the Commission agreed that it would be best to reschedule the event to Saturday, August 15th. It will remain a late afternoon/evening event, with the race starting around 5PM (exact time/logistics TBD).

Robyn suggested having Emerson students draw an aerial map of the town/race route in an effort to build interest, excitement and engagement. Lyndsey suggested using the winning map on the race t-shirts. The Commission agreed that this would be a great way to involve the youth.

Robyn will reach out to Lori Stevens and discuss logistics of getting the information to teachers.

The Commission discussed whether or not alcohol may be allowed on the Common during the Event, particularly thinking about having local micro-brews or distilleries participate in the Event similarly to a food truck, perhaps only providing samples. Sheena will inquire regarding the rules surrounding this and use of the Common.

- Summer Day Camp

We've received an application for Assistant Director from Summer Jewell, a past Counselor/Assistant Director. Counselor Applications are low.

Discussed starting a Counselor In Training Program (CIT) as it was brought up in one of the interviews. The Commission agrees that it would be a great way to get teens who are aging out of the program into a leadership role which will groom them for a Counselor position at 16 years old.

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Robyn shared that she started a CIT program in Troy and it has been great. The CIT's don't pay to attend camp and are not employees but serve as an extra set of hands for Counselors and above all, a positive role model for younger campers. Robyn will forward on the frameworks that she has in place to use as a guide for creating our CIT program.

- Gardening Class

Lyndsey suggested reaching out to Tracie Loock regarding hosting a gardening class. Ideas were to get a group together to beautify the Pole Barn area and/or to hold a class for families where they could take home something that they planted/started at the class.

Sheena will reach out to Tracie regarding her thoughts/ideas.

- Library Fence

Lyndsey noted that the fence in front of the Library is still down and wondered if there was something we could do to help assist in getting that back up.

Sheena will inquire with Kate.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12 @ 7PM via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50PM.