

Fitzwilliam Recreation Commission July Meeting Minutes (7/21/2020)

Attendees: Lyndsey LePage, Shane Stephens, Patrick Boudette, Jennifer Cesaitis, Sarah Short

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:05PM.

- **Camp Update**

Sheena reported that Camp is just over half way through and everything has run very smoothly so far. The Staff has been great and the kids are having a good time.

- **Movie Night**

Sheena asked the Commission about their thoughts on continuing with movie night in August. The price of the inflatable movie screen has increased by approximately \$100 though they are available again through Amazon. Sarah suggested perhaps the PTCO would be interested in splitting the cost in exchange for being able to share ownership which everyone agreed would be a great partnership to explore. Patrick suggested that perhaps we approach local businesses to sponsor the movie night to help offset the cost of the movie license(s). We agreed that this would be a great way to offer the event for low or no cost to residents.

Sheena will continue investigating other companies regarding movie licensing as there are differences in pricing and will reach out to the PTCO to determine their interest in partnering.

- **Graduating Seniors**

Sheena was able to obtain an address list of MRHS Graduates from the Gap Mtn. Lions Club, however has found it nearly impossible to actually contact the parents of graduates without phone numbers. The initial idea of having yard signs with graduate names/pictures has proven too difficult to pull off in a reasonable amount of time. MRHS has a Graduation ceremony planned for 8/1 (Raindate 8/2) and Sheena suggested having a banner produced with a general message of Congratulations to the Class of 2020. Lyndsey made a motion to move forward with that purchase, Shane seconded.

- **Tennis Court Pole Issue**

Sheena discovered an issue with the tennis court pole holders when putting up the tennis nets. The far left holder seems to be off and doesn't allow for the pole to go down into the ground as it should. After discussing with Cindi Beede, she reported that there was an issue in the Fall when they took the nets down and they had to pry the pole out with the help of the Highway Dept. Sheena called Advantage a couple of weeks ago, left a message asking for a call and has yet to hear back. She will reach out again to request that they come take a look at the issue. Sarah reported that she's visited the courts on the weekend and there's been a wait time to use the courts as only one side is setup.

- **Fall Recreation/Soccer**

An informal poll of the group revealed that, as of now, all feel comfortable continuing with a Fall Soccer Program. If/when COVID numbers increase, all agreed the feeling may change and much can happen in six weeks' time. Patrick suggested perhaps recycling past years' t-shirts to cut costs this year, not knowing how long of a season we could have and/or how many would participate. Jen Fritz seems interested in the Soccer Coordinator position again. Sheena will discuss with the Board.

- **"Take a Hike" Challenge**

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Sheena suggested creating a "Take A Hike" challenge for the Fitzwilliam Community. The Challenge would highlight a number of trails in Fitzwilliam/surrounding towns, provide details on length, parking, difficulty, etc. and encourage all community members to get out and enjoy the natural resources that we have right here.

The challenge would run a specific amount of time (perhaps August through September) and participants would submit "proof" of their hikes via photo/selfie at the trailhead or summit. Each submission would count as one entry into and end of challenge raffle for a gift card of some sort. To encourage participation of all, we could hold a raffle for Youth (3-12), Teens (13-19) , Adults (21 – 54) and Seniors (55+).

Submissions would be encouraged to occur via FB to increase engagement on that platform but could also occur via email (for those who sign up, a weekly, automated email would be sent to "collect" submissions).

Sheena will work out the details and create some promotional assets for the Commission to review.

- **Fall Roadside Cleanup**

The Spring roadside litter cleanup was a success and we discussed a Fall cleanup as well. Sheena suggested planning the cleanup for Columbus Day Weekend (10/10 – 10/13).

Sheena will contact the Highway Dept. and Dept. of Natural Resources to obtain litter bags.

- **New Commission Members**

All three visitors to the meeting have expressed interest and enthusiasm in joining the Commission as members. Sheena will make a recommendation to the SelectBoard.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10PM.