

Town of Amherst Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

5:00pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Tony Day

Dick Duquin

Tim Gardner

Pam Hart

Kim Kriner

Michael MacDonald

Jacqui Berger, Amherst Town Board Liaison (excused)

Shawn Lavin, Amherst Town Board Liaison (excused)

Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department

Eric Guzdek, Recreation Specialist/Youth & Recreation Department

Call to Order

- A. Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.
- B. *Mrs. Kriner made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2022, seconded by Mr. Duquin. Motion passed.*

Presentation/Public Comment

None

New Business

A. Golf Course Capital Plan

Mr. Duquin presented the CIP for Audubon Golf Course to the Committee. The focus this year will be on irrigation, tree removal and planning. The plan will be on the agenda of the next Town Board meeting, March 14, 2022.

B. Mobile Stage Rental Fee

Ms. Pouli requested for there to be a rental charge for use of the mobile stage due to increased difficulty meeting the demands for the stage by various groups that have used it in the past as well as increased costs.

Based on the rental fee of the Erie County mobile stage, Ms. Pouli recommended a charge of \$475 per use.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the \$475 per use rental fee for the Town's mobile stage, seconded by Mr. Duquin. Motion passed.

This item will be forward to the Town Board for its approval.

C. Recreation Commission Meetings

Ms. Pouli relayed to the Commission that meetings are to be conducted in person going forward given the removal Covid restrictions. The meetings will be held in the Gold Room at the Northtown Center on the second Tuesday of every month at 5pm.

Liaison Report

No report.

Executive Director/Youth & Recreation Department Report

Ms. Pouli reported on new staff arrangements within and between the Youth & Recreation office and the Senior Center, including a new staff member from the Parks Department. 2022 Summer Camp sign-up was yesterday and the camp sold out in a little over an hour. She reported that with the new system in place next year, things should go more smoothly with the registration process.

Facilities Report

Mr. Guzdek reported that he visited the new Central Amherst Little League building and that this building's specifications will be used to construct similar buildings at the other facilities around the Town of Amherst. He stated that lights are installed at the football field at the North Amherst Recreation Center. Construction and installations will begin again at other sports facilities and sites now that the weather is improving. Mr. Guzdek let the Commission know that Canon Design recently assessed all of the department's facilities as part of a larger Town of Amherst facilities assessment. Additionally, he stated that the NYSAHA state tournaments have started and will proceed for the next two weekends. Finally, Mr. Guzdek relayed to the Commission that negotiations on the sale of the Jurek Post will begin next week.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Gardner complimented the staff of the Northtown Center on their work while he was here for the recent hockey tournaments.

Liaison Reports

- A. **Daemen College, AYB, Football, Soccer** - No Report.
- B. **Golf:** Mr. Duquin reported that season pass sales for the golf course are going well and are mostly done through the website.
- C. **Skatepark, Parks & Playgrounds, Amherst Skating Club** - No Report.
- D. **High School Baseball, Little League Baseball, Youth Softball, Adult Softball:** Mr. Gardner reported that try-outs for high school baseball start this coming Monday.
- E. **Ice Hockey** – No report.
- F. **Town Recreation Facilities, Lacrosse** – No report.
- G. **Individuals with disabilities** – No report.
- H. **Racquet Sports** – No report.

Correspondence

No report.

Press Releases/News Articles

None

Adjournment

Mr. Duquin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hart. Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:00pm at the Northtown Center at Amherst.