**Antrim Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) Meeting Minutes**

March 5th, 2020

Present: Celeste Lunetta, Joan Gorga, Isaac Lombard (Chair), Christine Morris, Lori Moritz

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Minutes: January minutes were approved as revised

Budget

* CIP – nothing new to report.
* Department - Celeste reported that she was asked to reduce the budget request by CIP committee members. She explained the current request was based on costs of beach maintenance and she did not agree it should be reduced. The budget request was not modified.

Town Gym

* ConVal negotiations - The Commission discussed the petition article presented at the ConVal Budget meeting and the recent articles published in the Monadnock Ledger regarding the negotiations of cost sharing between ConVal and Antrim. It was mentioned that the town office received a call from a school board member reiterating that they still want to continue the current negotiations and hope to send us a reply within the next 30-60 days. The caller indicated that the school board was not involved in the content of the newspaper article.

The commission agreed that we should have a brief document with information regarding the current cost sharing model which can be used for future conversations with the public or the press. Isaac will write the first draft to be reviewed by the commission.

* Other - The flooring company has been scheduled for late June (once school is out) for a buff and recoat. They will also repair the chipped board at this time. The work is expected to take two days.

Shea Field

* ConVal negotiations - nothing to report.
* Maintenance/Other - The field is open for use. Water will be turned on May 1st. Work days planned for Friday May 1st and Saturday, May 3rd . Celeste looking into purchasing a portable pitcher’s mound this year. The irrigation company will be asked to raise the heads of the irrigation unit.

Walking Trail

* Tentative property walk scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 8 am leaving from Chris Morris’s house. Celeste will look into pricing for disc golf stations and bring to next meeting.

Rec Dept

* All staff will be tracking hours this year on the time cards to determine how time is spent.
* Pricing for softball and baseball registration is increasing this year. Swimming lessons will continue this year. Erin is participating in Archery training so hopefully the Archery program will return. Adult programs (basketball and pickleball) continuing and doing well. Celeste is working on an early morning exercise program (7-8 am) and a daytime Zumba class, starting in April. Soccer camp to be held in April. Summer camp registration is going well so far.
* Antrim in the Evening will be July 15th to August 12th (5 sessions)
* Celeste attending PriMex Beach workshop on Thursday March 12th to increase her knowledge on beach maintenance and monitoring. Joan attended Norway Pond symposium and was asked to pilot cyanobacteria testing protocol at Harris Center by collecting samples from Gregg Lake. Celeste attended NHSCouncil on the Arts grant workshop. Celeste looking into applying for Moose Plate grant to purchase a new sound system for town hall to increase the accessibility of the theater space. She may also apply for a Community Engagement grant.
* Celeste looking into online registration for programs but she is concerned about cost. She is also looking into streamlining the amount of paper in the current registration process.

Gregg Lake

* Watershed Management Plan – Plan to be rolled out March 17th. WMP was recently presented to the Select board. Joan received a letter from selected board requesting more information before supporting the dropping of the lake level. Next select board meeting March 24th.
* The possibility of having a sharing library for children’s book was discussed and approved.
* It was noted that we should have the bath house holding tank inspected next time it is pumped.

Memorial Park

* Maintenance/Other - Fishing Derby scheduled for May 2nd. Park cleanup- Celeste will be there week of March 30th weather permitting. Celeste trying to get the highway department to help with this.

Other - None

**Next Meeting: April 9th 7pm Recreation Office**