

Town of Stanford Recreation Commission Meeting

October 14, 2020

At Town Hall

Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Teddy Secor, Jess Odell, Richard Bell (via phone call), Mary Weinberger (via phone call)

Absent:, Mike Denatale, Antonio Igentio

Meeting begins at 6:06 pm

Pickleball Courts

The Town Board has approved moving ahead with the private donation from Everett Cook to place a Pickleball court in the current skating area that is adjacent to the tennis courts and basketball courts. The construction of the courts have been postponed to spring due to the colder weather. Mr. Cook will be our contact on progress and keep Lauren updated on any progress.

Tennis Courts

Lauren reports that she and Sara have contacted Sport Court out of Fishkill and they are interested in doing a site visit. The contact has estimated that the surface only would be about \$50,000. This type of surface is composed of tiles that are suppose to be less abrasive, have good bounce, and can be maintained easily. Sara is still waiting to hear back from other asphalt vendors to get more bids on keeping a traditional surface for the courts. Lauren says that Wendy Burton is looking into an account for any fundraising the Commission may do for resurfacing the tennis courts.

Soccer Program

The program started on Sept 26 and Lauren and Sara were present to run registration. Participants had registered online, but there were same day registrations and money to collect the day of the program starting. The program brought in roughly \$3,000 and Lauren is glad she was able to help run registration to streamline the process and get an idea of what can be done to make it run more smoothly in the future. John Blackburn was willing to hand off registration to Lauren and it has been working well.

The grass fields at the Rec in which the soccer program is running on needs to be flattened to be a safer and overall better soccer field. Lauren would like to see the Rec become the permanent home of the soccer program so rolling the fields has been discussed with both Jim Meyers in the highway department and John Blackburn. Jim would like to have them rolled before winter to prep them for spring, he will be able to get numbers for expenses and supplies once the Commission and Wendy Burton have been notified of the project. It was also mentioned that John Blackburn may have bulldozing equipment that could be donated to cut expenses. Once the cost of grading and supplies is estimated the Commission will be notified and hope to move the project along to Town Board for approval. Richard and Lauren are hopeful that the cost could be split between Highway's budget and the Rec's budget. Richard states that he would not be comfortable using Fortress funds unless Antonio has approved the use of them if it came to it. Lauren also points out that the flatter field would lend itself to other sport programs like field hockey.

MyRec Registration program is being used by many neighboring towns and Lauren would like to get more information on the program to help streamline our own Rec programs. Mike will report on the program at the next meeting.

There are no updates on Halloween activities as the CDC and County Health guidelines are leaning more towards less gatherings and does not recommend trick or treating.

The Art Show questionnaire has been put together by Teddy, Sara will review the form and send it to our mailing list to get an idea of the public's interest in the event.

Richard reports on the Master Plan Committee meeting and he notes that nothing has been discussed yet that would directly impact the Rec.

The September 14 Meeting Minutes are approved by Teddy, Richard, and Jess.

Next Meeting will be held on November 11.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm