Town of Stanford Recreation Commission Meeting

November 11, 2020 Via Zoom Conference Call

Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Teddy Secor, Jess Odell, Richard Bell, Mary Weinberger, Antonio Igentio

Absent: Mike Denatale

Meeting begins at 7:05 pm

Tennis Courts

Lauren and Sara have been getting more quotes for the resurfacing and complete renovation of the tennis courts. The new quotes are both approximately \$140,000. One is from L. Browne Asphalt Services and the other is Sport Tech. The companies do seem to have different techniques, material costs, and fencing ideas so it is hard to compare the services. Lauren will be taking a look at the quotes to break the item lines down to effective compare them. It is very likely that prices of material will increase in the spring so second quotes from each company will be needed again. Lauren and Sara met with another company today and he ballparked the cost between \$80-100,000, but they will wait to hear from him. Richard suggests that perhaps we can use the highway department for removal or teardown. Lauren says that Wendy is looking into setting up a fundraising account for capital improvement projects, such as this. Richard would like to continue brainstorming fundraising strategies to combine private, Town, and Rec funds.

Haunted Fortress Building

Mary says they need one more bid for the demolition of the Fortress building and any capital improvements for Fortress will come from funds already raised and they will not be used for other Town projects. Antonio asks Mary what or how the lumber from the demolition will be used for because it is valuable and could lessen the bid if they were to remove it themselves for the Town. Mary will ask at the Town Workshop.

Soccer Fields

Lauren is waiting to hear back from Jim Meyers about the estimated cost of rolling and flattening the soccer fields at the Rec. She mentions that there is \$1,500 in the capital improvement fund for the Rec and she is hopeful that the cost of rolling the field will be able to be covered by those funds.

My Rec Registration Program

This item will be tabled until the December meeting so that Mike is at the meeting to discuss his research.

Winter Event for Rec

Due to increasing COVID-19 restrictions and rising cases there will be no Parade of Lights and so any plans to do an outdoor winter event sponsored by the Rec has diminished. Lauren has been discouraged by a lack of collaboration by other local committees and has found it difficult to plan an event. Teddy suggests an online Holiday Cheer contest/promotion. Lauren would like to get prizes from local businesses and try to come up with a way to do something virtual since a in-person event will not be happening.

Art Show

Teddy will reach out to his contacts about art show interest and Sara will send the survey out to the mailing list.

Minutes from Oct 14 meeting are approved, December 9 is the next Rec Meeting.