

## Town of Stanford Recreation Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

Recorded by Sara Knickerbocker

Present: Lauren Osterman, Jess Odell, Chris McNamara, Mike Denatale, Veronica Heady, Richard Bell (by phone), Teddy Secor (by phone), Nathan Lavertue (Town Liaison)

Absent: Charlotte Haims

Meeting begins at 6:02 PM

### Easter Egg Hunt

Angela Christian, a local photographer, presented her idea to offer 5 minute photo shoot sessions to families at the Easter Egg Hunt. She said she has a portable studio with props and backdrop. She would offer quick sessions with no sitting fee. She would then offer the digital gallery for purchase to the families for \$25. \$5 would be donated to the Recreation fund. She just asked that we advertise ahead of time so families could be appropriately dressed. She will set up under the pavilion. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 9 at 10 am, with a rain date of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm. The traditional Easter egg hunt will be offered to ages 5 and under and a scavenger hunt around the park for ages 6 and up.

### Tennis Court Rebid

Lauren explained that 3 bids came back and 1 was incorrect. Of the 2 correct ones from Oval Tennis and SportTech, the bids were incredibly high and there were a lot of discrepancies between item lines. For example one had \$14,000 for fencing, while the other had \$77,000. The bids were rejected and reworded for clarification. The new bids came back in a little lower, but are still almost double the amount of the first bids. The bids are upwards of \$280,000 now. Mr. Cooke is having the USATA review the bids as well. Mike asked if how the original bid compared to these new bids and Lauren explained the first bid she did without help from Saratoga Associates was barely considered a real bid. She said the cost of materials are expensive. Lauren said either way, one of the bids will get selected, the Town has to approve the bid. The Capital Improvement Committee will decide how many of the add alternates they are going to pursue. The Committee and Saratoga Associates will be holding a public meeting at the library at 6 pm on March 23 where they are hoping to get feedback from the public. They plan on doing 3 separate meetings like this. Richard explained that Saratoga Associates was looking for a way to present the ideas as an overlay to show the different avenues they could take, and would really like to get strong public opinions on the matter.

### Half Pipe Donation

Lauren said that she was approached about a donation of a half pipe for the Rec. The Capital Improvement Committee had expressed interest in reviving the skate park, so it could be a good donation. Richard asked for dimensions of the product, but Lauren said she wanted to get a feel from the Commission before she had pursued the item. Nathan mentioned that he would be willing to look at the half pipe to see its condition before the Commission decides if they have the space to store it, but

they do not want to turn it down at this time. Nathan said he would also find a way to contact the Tony Hawk Foundation.

#### Summer Fees

Lauren said that last year we raised the summer fee to \$50 and had a discount promo that the public could apply to take off \$10 for hardship and wanted to know if the Commission wanted to keep it that way, or if the year transition was enough. Mike motioned to eliminate the \$10 discount. Chris seconded. All in favor, Jess, Richard, Teddy, Chris, Veronica, Mike. Motion carried.

#### Summer Calendar

Lauren would like to have a calendar set for the summer so the public knows what events to expect over the summer. She would like to have different organizations come in. She is hoping to get food trucks, Bebe the Clown, 2 by 2 Zoo, nature walks, fire department, police departments, movie nights, and other single day events. She said she is fully staffed with lifeguards but does not have any gate or land staff at this time. She will begin interviews in April. She has one interested applicant for the Assistant Director position and she is waiting on County to see if she is qualified. Lauren said they are also looking for a swim coach, hopefully an adult or parent.

#### Haunted Fortress

Mike is hoping to have the first Fortress meeting in April to get the leads together and start discussions. They may need one more person and are discussing a junior member.

#### Little League

Mike said that the Taconic Little League should know fairly soon if they were granted the Create, Play, Grant and that they have 10 teams so far.

#### Fall Soccer

Lauren and Nathan are working on setting up a meeting with Pine Plains to pursue a combination soccer program.

#### Minutes

Mike motioned to approve the Feb 9 meeting minutes as written. Chris seconded. All in favor, Mike, Jess, Chris, Veronica. Teddy and Richard abstained as they were on the phone. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.