**NEW DURHAM PARKS & RECREATION**

**COMMISSION**

**MINUTES APRIL 13, 2022**

PRESENT: DARLENE DEMERRITT, SCOTT GOODSPEED, ,DOT VEISEL, CELESTE CHASSE, NICK MARKS, JAMIE BAMFORD.

Meeting called to order: 6:35

Nick and Jamie were welcomed to sit in on the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Morgan Goodspeed presented a request for a Skateboard Park to be set up for use by the public. He stated he would be willing to assist with fund raising efforts. The commission members were supportive of his suggestion and have agreed to ask Primex about the requirements.

Director’s report:

The cost of playground supplies have gone up significantly so options were reviewed to stay within budget. Several pieces of equipment were eliminated.

MOTION BY SCOTT GOODSPEED.SECONDED BY DARLENE DEMERRITT

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RECREATION DIRECTOR TO SPEND NOT MORE THAN $1,000 (ONE THOUSAND) DOLLARS TO COVER THE PRICE INCREASE IN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ORDER. MOTION PASSED 3-0

Scott will review options for purchasing a Cotton Candy Machine and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for 4/16 at 10 AM at the Meeting House. Two trails will be set up to accommodate age groups. Crafts will be set up inside the Meeting House.

Bike Safety is scheduled for 5/25. Activities will include a Bike Race/ obstacle course/bike parade. Donations for prizes/supplies are being solicited from local businesses.

Nerf game prices were reviewed.

MOTION BY SCOTT GOODSPEED… SECONDED BY DARLENE DEMERRITT

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RECREATION DIRECTOR TO SPEND UP $175 FOR NERF GAMES. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A swim instructor has been hired. Director projects a need for a total of 3 beach attendants. After a discussion about wages, it was agreed that Director will look into increasing swim program fees.

Field trip options discussed for teens, families and seniors. Director is researching options

Director needs to address/resolve a scheduling conflict for T-Ball and Cal Ripkin teams.

Russ Weldon and Mike Gelinas have reviewed site for pickleball courts and suggested we check Town Survey Map to confirm boundaries and also hire someone to remove trees. They have agreed to do the site work once this is done.

260 Celebrate New Durham Day update:

Cow Patty Bingo There will be 260 squares

Advertising for food trucks is ongoing

Hayrides vetoed because of expense/looking into pony rides

Candy Bar Bingo…freeze candy before the event

Dog show… needs research

Muddy Roads Brewery…. needs research

Bounce House Options were reviewed. It was agreed two activities needed to be provided to accommodate different age groups.

MOTION BY SCOTT GOODSPEED…SECONDED BY DARLENE DEMERRITT

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO SPEND UP TO $600 TO RENT TWO (2) BOUNCE HOUSZES FOR CNDD. MOTION PASSED 3-0

NEXT MEETING: May 11, at the Town Hall at 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted,

Dot Veisel