

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
RECREATION COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order by TJ Restivo, Chairman, at 7:06 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Restivo, Juliana DeWilde, Kyle Gleason, Andrew Lagace,
Meagan Sikorsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Fabry, Jhady Jaffe, Robert Rhoades

OTHERS: Max Gray, LCS Student Ambassador

2. Reading of Previous Minutes

Chairman Restivo requested in Section 5a, the word 'park' be changed to 'baseball and softball fields' so that the sentence reads, 'Mr. Rhoades reported that he spoke with Mr. Jim Arico who has in the past volunteered to get the baseball and softball fields ready for the spring events.'

Motion by A. Lagace second by M. Sikorsky to waive the reading of the previous Regular Meeting minutes of 3/21/2022 and approve the minutes with correction as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

- a. Phone Message, from Keith Webster, dated 4/14/2022, re: sales call for field maintenance – Message taken by Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman and message sent to Chairman Restivo via email
- b. Phone Message, from Xenia Martinez, dated 4/18/2022 re: memorial tree in Lisbon Meadows Park - Message taken by Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman and message sent to Chairman Restivo via email per First Selectman's request
- c. Sea Unicorns – Sea Unicorns reached out again regarding special group events. Chairman Restivo suggested the group contact the Jewett City Little League.
- d. Catalogs, from various equipment companies

4. Bills and action thereon

- a. Amazon, \$95.70, dated 4/3/2022, re: Easter bunny costume – Note: Committee previously approved spending up to \$150.00 for the replacement costume.
Motion by A. Lagace second by M. Sikorsky to reimburse Kyle Gleason \$95.70 for the cost of the Easter bunny costume (70201). VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED
- b. Walmart, \$110.39, dated 4/3/2022, re: additional egg hunt candy
Motion by A. Lagace second by J. DeWilde to reimburse Kyle Gleason \$110.39 for the cost of additional egg hunt candy (70201). VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

5. Old Business

- a. LMP – Mr. Rhoades was not present to discuss. Chairman Restivo was not sure if the tennis court net had been fixed. Chairman Restivo asked if the committee had any requests for the information sign.

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b. Programs

Adult Basketball: Mr. Gleason reported the season is going well. The program will not meet this week due to school vacation. Most out-of-town participants have paid the one-time fee for the season rather than paying each week. The program will continue until the end of school.

Co-ed Volleyball: Mr. Rhoades was not present to discuss.

c. Social Media Site Updates – Ms. Jaffe was not present to discuss. Mr. Fabry and Mr. Lagace posted in regards to the Egg Hunt while Ms. Jaffe was out-of-town. Chairman Restivo requested a volunteer to assist Ms. Jaffe and be the substitute coordinator when necessary. Ms. Sikorsky volunteered.

d. Community Liaison – Ms. DeWilde will connect with and introduce herself to the Principal of Lisbon Central School. She will ask if the school has a policy in regards to memorials (trees, benches, etc.) and if so, the committee may consider using a similar policy. Ms. DeWilde will also seek information for the PTO and connect with that group to determine if the Recreation Committee can assist the PTO in any way. Ms. DeWilde will also ask about upcoming plans for student orientation. Ms. DeWilde will also connect with and introduce herself to the Chairman of the Fall Festival Committee. She will request details associated with the Fall Festival event and discuss the idea of the Recreation Committee sponsoring some activities at the event.

e. Bus Trips – Ms. Sikorsky will connect with Mr. Fabry regarding the possibility of a Red Sox bus trip. Chairman Restivo was not sure whether Mr. Fabry has already begun to coordinate such a trip. Discussion ensued about potential future trips including but not limited to the Bronx Zoo, Roger Williams Zoo, Kittery Shopping Trip, Dr. Suess Museum, Radio City Christmas Show, Ice Castles in New Hampshire, etc. Ms. Sikorsky will survey Lisbon residents via the Facebook page to gauge interest in specific bus trips.

f. Egg Hunt Recap

Supplies: The supplies are currently located in the basement garage of the barn. Although space in the barn was offered to the Recreation Committee for the egg hunt supplies, the committee wishes to keep all recreation supplies in one location and the egg hunt supplies should be moved to the original location.

Bunny Costume: The Lisbon Fire Department never responded to the inquiries by Mr. Gleason regarding the borrowed bunny suit. Originally, the committee was told the original suit was damaged and the suit was replaced, but then the committee was told it had not been replaced. Questions arose around the missing borrowed bunny suit and the bunny suit used by the fire department as the Easter Bunny rode around town on the fire truck. In the mean time, the Recreation Committee purchased a new bunny suit. However, the committee feels the replacement suit should have been purchased by the fire department. Mr. Gleason will contact the fire department again.

Notes: Chairman Restivo asked Mr. Gleason to take inventory of the supplies left as well as the amount of candy purchased for the event. Mr. Gleason will write down any notes that will be helpful for next year's event.

Thank You: A big thank you to Mr. Brown, Lisbon Central School Service-Learning Coordinator, and his team of students that assisted with filling the eggs as well as their volunteer efforts at the event.

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Hunt Experience: Chairman Restivo would like to add more to the egg hunt experience in the future. This would require planning the event earlier and collaborating with other town organizations. It would be nice to have more donations for “golden eggs” in the future as well as food trucks. Chairman Restivo mentioned following up with Mr. Rhoades regarding the issue with the food trucks and how this could be rectified for future Recreation Committee events.

g. Committee Calendar - Reviewed topics listed under April. The committee is on track.

6. New Business

Tree Memorial at Lisbon Meadows Park – Discussion ensued based on a resident’s request. Committee has several questions including but not limited to: the type of tree, the plaque, where to plant, who maintains, etc. Committee agrees that if allowed there would need to be a policy adopted by the committee. Ms. DeWilde will contact the school to determine whether the school has a policy. Committee decided to wait on making a decision and revisit the topic at a later date. Dog Park – Ms. Sikorsky presented a plan to the town in the past. She would like to know why the plan was not funded and if the town would be willing to entertain the idea again before she goes through the time consuming process of creating and presenting a new plan. It was mentioned that if Lisbon Meadows Park is not the appropriate place, would the town consider a dog park on the old golf course property. The committee does not know what the town’s plan is for the old golf course property.

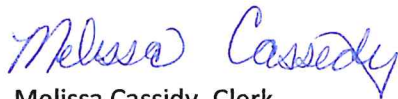
7. Any other business which may properly come before the commission – NONE

8. Adjournment – Motion by K. Gleason second by A. Lagace to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED: _____

Thomas J. Restivo, Chairman



Melissa Cassidy, Clerk

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