

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
LISBON TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Restivo, Robert Rhoades, Kyle Gleason, Juliana DeWilde, Andrew Lagace, Jhady Jaffe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Fabry, Meagan Sikorsky

OTHERS: Steven Berger

2. Reading of previous minutes – Motion made by R. Rhoades second by K. Gleason to accept the previous Regular Meeting minutes of August 15, 2022 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

- a. Catalogs, from various equipment companies

Motion made by R. Rhoades second by A. Lagace to move item #6 New Business a) Pickleball program to next on the agenda.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

6. New Business

- a. Pickleball program – S. Berger spoke about the sport of Pickleball, equipment used and different court options (see attached). The committee discussed adding Pickleball to the sport options for the town. This would entail outfitting the tennis court at Lisbon Meadows Park for two Pickleball courts as well as the two gyms at the Lisbon Central School with markings and nets. The court time at the Lisbon Central School would be open session play on Monday and possibly Wednesday evenings from 8-10 p.m. if approved by the school. Mr. Berger volunteered to coordinate the program but will be looking for an assistant to help with this. Motion made by A. Lagace second by K. Gleason to fund up to \$2000.00 for indoor/outdoor Pickleball supplies.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by R. Rhoades second by J. Jaffe to return to the regular agenda.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

4. Bills and action thereon - none

5. Old Business

- a. LMP - Soccer Field – R. Rhoades reported that the soccer field is back open. The Lisbon Central School now has a soccer team that is using this field. The lines on the field need to be repainted. Motion made by R. Rhoades second by A. Lagace to approve up to \$250.00 for the field to be striped.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

R. Rhoades would like to work with volunteers from the school to clean up and spread wood chips on the cross country trails. The town garage does not have enough in stock for this so another source will need to be found. R. Rhoades will research.

20 x 44'

## Pickleball Court Options

Option 1 - \$30 (paint)

Superimpose 1 pickleball court on the existing Lisbon Meadows Tennis Court.

Pros – Very inexpensive, adds a few different color lines to the tennis playing area. Utilizes the existing tennis net.

Cons – You only have one pickleball court, limiting you to 4 players at a time.





Option 2 - \$500 (portable nets, storage, and paint)

Superimpose 2 pickleball courts, with one on either side of the existing tennis court net. This is what was done on two tennis courts in Leary Park, Waterford, CT resulting in 4 pickleball courts.

Pros – still relatively inexpensive. You get two pickleball courts on the existing tennis court, allowing for 8 players at a time. This method is used for very high level pickleball at tennis facilities that host professional tournaments.

Cons – Adds a few more lines to the tennis playing area. Requires the purchase of portable pickleball nets that have to be stored or secured to prevent theft.



Option 3 - \$650-\$850 (tape or paint and portable nets)

Use paint or semi-permanent tape to place pickleball court lines on the LCS gym floor.

Pros – Inexpensive, there is room for 3-4 pickleball courts on the basketball playing area. Allows for year round evening play, heated and air conditioned.

Cons – Requires purchase of portable nets, but storage much easier at the school. Theft/vandalism probably not an issue.





Option 4 - **ALL IN** \$40,000-\$60,000 per court depending on options.

Build courts. This is almost what has been done in Colchester (3 courts) and Windham (6 courts), and several other CT coastal towns. They had existing "pads" but added fencing, lights, windscreens, and surface paint.

Pros – as many beautiful permanent, dedicated pickleball courts as you want. There is plenty of relatively level ground in Lisbon Meadows.

Cons - \$\$\$\$\$\$



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R. Rhoades has continued with his research on having food trucks at the park. He has discussed this with M. Murphy, C. Brown and E. Jolly. This year the Fall Festival will only consist of the 5K run. Perhaps, next year this will be possible.

R. Rhoades continues to review options for security cameras at Lisbon Meadows Park and the basketball hoops by the school. Many need a wifi connection which isn't always available. He will continue researching.

b. Programs

Registration for basketball will be in November. Co-ed volleyball started three weeks ago and has a full slate of participants. The Tuesday night volleyball league is just getting underway.

c. Social Media Venues

- i. Town Site Update – Chairman Restivo noted that calendar on the Lisbon Recreation website is not complete. J. Jaffe reported that she needs the program directors to forward information about their programs to her if she is to post this to the website. The calendar should include the activities being offered with dates and times, contact information for the coordinators, fees and whether they are open to non-residents.

d. Community Liaison

Fall Festival – J. DeWilde contacted a local face painting artist to offer this as an activity for children at the Fall Festival 5K race on Saturday, October 2. Motion made by R. Rhoades second by A. Lagace to approve funds up to \$300.00 for the face painting activity.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Motion by R. Rhoades second by J. Jaffe to approve funds up to \$100.00 to order a generic vinyl sign to indicate the event is sponsored by the Lisbon Recreation Committee.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

e. Bus Trips – none

f. Committee Calendar –

Chairman Restivo noted that the activity for September is to check the condition of the fields. R. Rhoades has done this and indicated that no repairs will be needed.

6. New Business – discussed previously

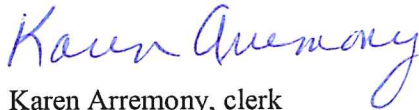
7. Any other business which may properly come before the Commission –

- a. The Easter Bunny suit has been located and is currently locked up in the barn. R. Rhoades will move the suit to a safer location in the Recreation Committee storage space in the garage


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8. Adjournment – Motion made by R. Rhoades second by A. Legace to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

  
Karen Arremoney, clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. Restivo, Chairman

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