

Millinocket Recreation Commission

Meeting 10/16/24

Present: Amanda, Sue, Stephanie, Warren, Tom, Rick, Andrew, Cody

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

**Review of Minutes:** Motion by Rick, 2nd by Andrew - Approved 6-0

Warren in at 9:04am

**Rec Director transition:**

Cody - gives thanks to the previous Recreation Director, and introduces himself as the new Recreation Director. Explains they have been onboarding over the last week or so, and have been going over program by program things to do, and where programming can expand. Currently Basketball and Cheer expansions are possible. Notes there is no longer an AD for the department, and it's just the Recreation Director for administrative staffing. Adds a need to re-introduce an outdoor recreation program, while collaborating with regional groups already implementing programming. (ie. Library, KGL, OSI, KAT, NEOC, etc.) Notes also working with the commission as a two way street. Currently studying the different budgets to get comfortable on where the department is financially. Upcoming expenses for example is our second computer is no longer functioning and in need of replacement.

Tom - notes that there were updates on the new rec contract - commission wants more advisory action with programming in the community, and looks forward to working with the new director. Appeals to the board for further comment without any.

**Discuss programs:**

Cody - Little Pro and Youth Basketball program is underway, with a few permission slips outstanding. Looking forward to the upcoming coaches meeting. Packets and keys in process for the coaches. Pre-K through 1st Basketball may expand - meeting with coaches Aaron and Kirsten Hutchins to discuss the implementation. Inquired to the board on any Millinocket Little Pro involvement with Pre-K through 1st? Board had no comment, and the Director noted reaching out to Alaina at Little Pro to confirm.

Stephanie - inquired on having this as a tri town consolidated program, and Cody confirmed that is the goal.

Cody - Halloween Candy will be disbursed at Granite Street School and Opal Myrick Elementary on Halloween. Both Millinocket/East and Medway Recreation Departments.

Fall soccer has wrapped up, and the departments have also discussed taking a week off at the end of the season due to the colder temps we get that time of the year. For example, the last game was canceled.

**Dugouts:**

We are unable to get in touch with Adam Cyr, and may move forward with another contractor in 2025 if we can't get a commitment.

**Swing set:**

The swing set replacement is on the way, and will be stored at Public Works. We are going to try getting it installed this Fall - pending weather.

**Courts:**

Season is getting close to closing - we will hold off for now as we may have a warmer season.

Stephanie/Rick/Tom - mention that pickleball is used often, and there is an issue with the court surface with cracks, and repairs are underway.

**Committee concerns:**

Tom - notes some concerns meeting time - appeals to the commission if there is a better day and time that works?

Cody - mentions that this time works but is open to changing the time. Will always set up a Zoom but brings up the logistics in maintaining that with also allowing remote access to the meetings given everyone's busy schedules.

Amanda - notes that Zoom is a positive, especially in the summer. Cody followed up that we do not have Summer meetings currently, but is open to it.

Rick - open to anytime

Stephanie - open to days/times, prefers also to keep Zoom and notes having the meetings recorded now and posted. Also notes she has suggestions on the pool.

Sue - works but Zoom is great and can continue to meet using that.

Tom - will work with Cody on a date/time, and will make sure the approved minutes get to Diana for the public.

Cody - appeals to the commission if 9am still works and to keep that - the commission agreed, and the next meeting is set for November 13th at 9am.

**Next meeting: November 13th 9:00am**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30am:** Motion by Rick, 2nd Stephanie - Approved 7-0