

**Newport Parks and Recreation**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee**  
**February 17, 2022 | 5:30 PM City Council Room**

**Present at the meeting:** Jennifer Smith, Jaime Comtois, Kelli Rhodes

**Absent:** Deb Smith, Shari Ryan

**Guests:** Mike Brown, Sean Pilker

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Jennifer Smith.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

Jaime made a motion to approve the minutes, Kelli made the second. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Public Comment:** No members of the public present to provide comment(s).

**Member Updates:**

- Two applicants for open seats. Currently 5 members on the board.
- Sean Pilker, one applicant, was here to meet the committee and tell a little bit about himself and why he wants to join the committee.
- Member renewals and new member recommendations due to City Council by March 7th. Jenn and Shari's memberships are up for renewal in 2022. Jenn will be renewing her seat but will step down as chair. Vote will occur in March to officially put Jaime into the chair position. Elections will need to occur for Vice Chair and Secretary as well.

**Program and Events Debrief:** No discussion

**Monthly Fundraising Update:** No discussion

**Fundraising Projects:**

- Ice Shack Raffle –
  - Kelli will be going to different places tomorrow to collect money and tickets.
  - Mike is going to check the tickets and the spreadsheet tomorrow.
- Ice Out –
  - Members of the committee will have a booth in the gym during Town Meeting. Jenn to send out a schedule for members to sign up.
  - Tim and Doug's Opening Day is also a day we usually go and sell tickets. Mike will reach out to Pick and Shovel to find out.

**Public Recreation:**

- Mother Son Dance –
  - Gateway booked
  - Mike is checking on the DJ and a photographer.
- Family Skate Night –
  - 5 families are signed up. Mike has games planned, a photographer booked, food ready. No need for volunteers.

**Updates from Park and Rec:**

- Winterfest – Chuck A Puck –
  - Pucks have been ordered and Mike will number them 1-100. Jaime and Deb will be at Gardner to sell the pucks.
  - Mike and Jaime to work together to make sure materials needed are ready such as cash box
- Playground Update:
  - Mike sat down with the state to read the soil reports. The playground is in a contaminated area. They will isolate the area and we need to abate the area 18 inches. Some soil will need to be removed and discarded appropriately and some soil can be stockpiled. There are grants out there that can help to do the work.

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:** None

**Other Business:** None

Set Date and Agenda for the Next Meeting:

March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Second Phase of Downtown Master Plan Discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.