

## Newport Recreation Committee

Minutes April 18, 2024

**Present:** Kelli Rhodes, Felicia Updyke, Jenn Smith, Carter Finegan, Susan Kiley, Matt Kiley

**Absent:** Colleen Cole, Aaliyah Wilburn. Note: No call-in availability

Called to order: 5:37

Members of the Public: None

March minutes: Approved

Monthly Fundraising: None

**Election of Officers:** **Chair** – Carter nominated Jamie, Kelli seconded, **Vice chair** – Carter nominated Jenn, Kelli seconded, **Secretary** – Carter nominated Matt, Kelli seconded. All voted in unanimously.

### Program and Event Planning:

- **Bike Rodeo** – Carter reported that all is well. 1. Did a walkthrough with Jenn Leithead. 2. Fire Dept will bring truck and tent w/ safety info. 3. Passumpsic Savings donated \$650 and Community National donated \$700. 4. Purchased (2) bikes; (1) ea 16”, 20”, 24” strider bikes. 5. Dept of Health to inspect helmets for condition and fit and give new ones if needed. 6. Purchased (2) new bikes for door prize (1) ea. 16”, 20”, 24” “strider bikes”. 7. Dept of Health to inspect, fit and replace helmets. 8. E-bike demonstration. 9. Jason Littleton and Bob Primeau to do bike inspections. 10. Adult “thank you” bags being prepared.
- **Red Sox Raffle** – 1. Matt reported he sold \$1250 worth of tickets during the solar eclipse. 2. Millers Pub, T-Bar, Pie and Pasta, Eden Cider to sell tickets. Jenn to contact Lago, Matt to contact The Tavern. 3. Raffle tickets entrusted to committee members and recreation office.

**Updates from Parks and Recreation:** 1. Felicia reported that Prouty Beach and Campground will open April 26<sup>th</sup>. 2. Boat rentals will be available at the skate shack in Gardner Park. 3. No news on new playground though Tom Bernier met with soil remediation engineering firm.

**Other Business:** 1. Matt reported that a lease is being negotiated for a site on E. Main St. 2. Teen advisory to comb city wide raffle for furniture and supplies. 3. Still waiting on big AOE grant. 4. Expect to open sometime this summer.

Next Meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm