

Newport Recreation Committee

Minutes May 16, 2024

Present: Jamie, Mike Brown, Jenn, Susan, Matt, Kelli, Carter

Absent: Aaliyah, Colleen

Called to order: 5:38

Members of the Public: None

April Minutes: Carter/Susan – Approved

Monthly fundraising notes: Thompson's bottle return \$100

Programs/Events:

Bike Rodeo – All agreed that Carter did a fantastic job organizing and conducting the event. (55) kids took part. Adaptive sports display, Dept of Health, Fire Dept., Library were all big hits. Great Outdoors reneged on bike discount at time of purchase even though we purchased (3) bikes instead of (2). Will look elsewhere next year. Schedule to avoid Green Up Day next year. Consider Certificate of Participation next year. Winners of bikes were Nat 16”, Owen 24”, Levi 20”. Mike to test sunscreen dispenser at Prouty

4th of July Parade – Can't get the boat this year. Matt to look for trailer. Matt to discuss sharing float with teen center advisory. Candy to be handed out this year to avoid waste. Jenn to find out 2024 theme.

Fundraising: Red Sox raffle – Matt reported total sales to date of \$1775

Recreation Dept Updates:

Playground - Soil remediation to commence shortly. New equipment ordered will be installed by summer's end. Splash Pad to follow. Brick purchases to be used on path and under relocated pavilion. Target fall grand opening.

Campground is open. (4) paddleboats (3) kayaks (4) ebikes (12) regular bikes will be free to Newport residents, modest rental fee to others. Carnival days to be held June 6-9 with Miller Amusements.

HIVE Update: Matt discussed target location of 198 E. Main St. should be open by end of summer. Matt made motion to advance \$375 of raffle profit to date for teens to purchase HIVE furnishings and equipment, Carter seconded, committee approved. Kelli urged “dickering” instructions to kids. Mike emphasized need to for receipts. Jamie suggested application to the Coventry Town Foundation to help HIVE expenses. Also, NEKCA should look at Amazon “Wish list”, Go Fund Me, Facebook.

Next Meeting: June 20th at 5:30

Adjourned at 7:05