

Preston Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Preston Town Hall Downstairs Conference Room
7:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll

Chairman Mike Brockway called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm

Members presents: Mike Brockway, Dan Coley, Tom Wilber, Holley Gorman, and Gary Deveau

Members excused: Danielle Wilcox and Katie Iozzia

Also present: Christian Bray, Camille Bray, and Amy Brosnan, Director

Public Comment: none

Parks & Recreation Commission Award: Mike Brockway present Christian Bray with a Parks & Recreation Commission award. Eric Stanford also was selected for an award but was unable to attend.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by G. Deveau and seconded by D. Coley to accept the April 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by T. Wilber and seconded by H. Gorman to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

- **Remembrance & Recognition of Tom Turner** – M. Brockway reported stone is in and install date for plaque is May 31, 2023.
- **Parks & Recreation Director Position:** M. Brockway reported 6 applications were received on time by the deadline. 3 applicants did not meet the minimum qualifications and the other 3 applicants were scheduled for interviews to take place on May 25, 2023. 2 additional applications were received after the deadline.

Parks Maintenance & Development:

- **General maintenance updates** – A. Brosnan discussed a few larger, dead trees that need to be taken down that would require a tree company coming in. Commission was in favor of hiring company. Fence projects should be completed in next couple of weeks.
- **ARPA Funding** – Camera quotes were presented and discussion took place. D. Coley will contact a company to come and do site walk for further explanation.

Membership & Elections

- **Open Positions:** Still 2 regular members and 2 alternates.

Programs & Activities

- A. Brosnan reported Rail Explorers senior bus trip is coming up on June 16, trip is full with a wait list. Kidzone Summer Camp registrations are flowing in with waitlists already starting. Xtreme Teen Adventure Camp registrations opened on May 20 for Preston residents. Early registration discount through May 25. Out of town registrations open on June 10. Still in need of director for Teen camp.

Community Events

- **Community Yard Sale** was held on May 6. Next community yard sale is scheduled for October 7.
- **Summer Sizzler** – A. Brosnan reported Sizzler is scheduled for June 23. Larger than Life Boyband will be back again (by popular demand). Recurring food trucks & vendors. FREE kid activities including yard games and inflatables. Library and Resident Troopers have also been invited. Different food truck suggestions were suggested by Commission members, including a hotdog truck and fried dough.

Preston Little League Update

M. Brockway reported the season is going fast, two weeks left in the regular season!! Tryouts for all stars for baseball at major league level was the past week and minors tryouts are coming up this week.

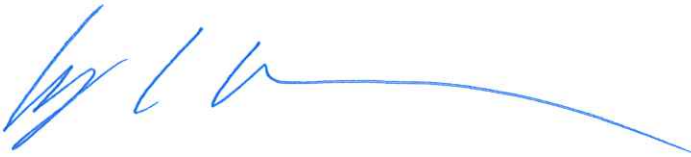
New Business

A. Brosnan reported that the department received BOTH Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE) Summer Enrichment expansion grants that she applied for, both grants are for two years. Kidzone Summer Camp will receive \$46,546 in 2023 and \$46,945 in 2024 and Xtreme Teen Adventure Camp will receive \$42,195 in 2023 and \$42,932 in 2024...for a grand total of \$178,618!! Preston was 1 of 4 rec departments who were awarded two grants!!

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: A motion was made by D.Coley and seconded by G. Deveau to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Brosnan

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