

Recreation Committee Meeting

May 13th, 2019

Attendees: Diane Cohen, Brian Fruzzetti, Brian Smith, Juvy Hartweg, Melissa Scartissi

Audience: Matt Dyer, Bruce Young, John Kemmett

Approval of Meeting on May 22nd and May 29th. Both approved.

Brian Fruzzetti made motion to accept the minutes...Brian Smith Second. Approved 7-0.

John Kemmett – Lodge Kitchen

- John Kemmett – Spoke to Mark Ryan of culinary teach at high school about starting a Farm to Table cooking class. Cooking different types of food. Loved the idea of having it at Kiwanee kitchen. John is willing to fix the stove and the oven. He would make sure everything is working. He thinks ignitors are gone on them. John is willing to charge \$1,000 or less to fix everything. After the fix he get all the town departments needed to inspect. He really wants to get this cooking class going and thinks it will be a great program. Unit on roof with a fan does sound clunky. Diane mentioned that there is some concern around the fan and there is some leaking. When they did the roof it wasn't fixed at the time. He is going to check it when he goes up there. John also mentioned that we could go over the Maquan and see if there is anything over there where we would want. Especially in the kitchen. Diane said she would try and make a list of anything we could use. John called a company and the company thinks there is the opportunity to replace the stove for under \$3,000. John is going to get a list from the chef to find out what she needs to get the class going.
 - o Diane said we have to run by Board of Health. She spoke to them last week and using it as a commissary for Food Trucks. To just store food. Board of Health shot it down immediately. Diane is going to ask them about this.
 - o Diane asked if people would be willing to go to Maquan to get stuff. Just doesn't want to get stuff and have it sit at Kiwanee. Might as well go over and see. Diane says she wants to set it up with Mike.
 - o John said there is a work table that is usable. Diane said they could use it.
 - o Diane wants to add more rustic table, current tables.
 - o Brian was saying we could use more serving tables.
 - o Town Departments already were notified of things available at Maquan.
 - o John Kemmit – There is a question on what would they charge. What would the commission charge them? Diane said it is normally a 20/80 split of whatever she makes. Diane said he the committee was to sponsor it, then it would considered a temporary employee. Easier to say it is a vendor event. Diane – The rec director is starting june 2nd. He may have an idea to make more money as a fundraiser. Diane would like to run it by them and if we can make more money doing it.
 - o Brian – Could it tie into the wine tasting?

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- Diane – Make it clear to Tori that she would have to staff it. Our caretakers wouldn't be able to serve food. She could train people but we don't have any money to staff it.
- Marketing the event would have to be arranged
- Could lead to other cooking classes or baking.
- Brian made motion to spend up to \$1,500 to fix the kitchen pilots and roof. Brian Smith seconded. Voted 7-0.
- Diane asked about possible replacement of parts (griddle). John said he has a solution and the company does have parts. They are available.
- John needs to check with Lan/Rec Director to figure out what times/dates work best. Monday – Wednesday would work best. Work for him would be after 2:00 PM.

Chris Update – Maintenance Update

- Diane – Unable to get in touch with Chris – maintenance. Not sure how much longer he will be with the town. He did come in and fix a few things when we had money in the budget. Communication has been difficult in general. Biggest concern with facilities is getting the docks into the water. To have the company that did the docks do it is really expensive. Chris did say it wasn't a big deal. Emma would supervise the install. Diane spoke with Mike and he is on it. No answer right now. We don't want docks in the water very early. It's a liability to have them in the water. Not sure when the beach is going to be open. Emma can't be at camp till middle of May and by the time she gets to hire people it will be end of June. Beach didn't open till June 21st.

Hanson Day

- Juvy – Are we allowed to advertise beach passes?
- Diane – Hanson Day – no allowed to sell anything. We are a town department and we should be able to sell beach passes.
- Bruce Young – Rec department did Hanson Day at Kiwannee - 2015. They sold postcards. He said Rec commission can advertise.
- Diane – Hanson Day – Cornhole boards to have some activity. Bringing giant Jengas.
- Melissa - \$180 tablecloth with the CK logo and website
- Motion - Approve \$200 for a tablecloth – Brian F. Motion seconded. Voted 7-0.
- Brian F. – Hanson day – they are not allowing to sell anything except the 200th Anniversary committee? Diane wants to make sure that we actually can't purchase items.
- Juvy – Do we have online sales for passes? Diane – We have to go through the town website and people don't like to use it because of the fee. We don't have capability to use scanning for debits. Juvy – That is disappointing. We are losing money because people don't have cards on the beach. Missing opportunity to purchase cove passes. People want instant transactions.
- Diane will follow up with Emma on what they want to do at Hanson Day to get passes. You have to make it convenient for people to purchase. Town does not want us to use Square.
- Brian S. – Even if they have a debit tied to a checking account
- Bruce Young – Accounting in town has always been reluctant to change.

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- Brian F. – Could Mike intervene and get special permission to charge cards?
- Diane will talk to Mike regarding selling passes.
- Paddleboard/Yoga Training – Tabled till next time. Emma will look in.
- First Cong Church Program – June 2019 – August 2019 – Tabled for now
- Marijuana Cultivation Committee Meeting – May 15th @ Town Hall.
- Kimberly King – Halifax – Leader of Girl Scout troop and was looking to purchase a pass for the entire troop. A family pass is for a family not a large group of people. Liability is an issue.
 - Bruce Young – What about a day care? It's the same thing
 - Diane – Opens CK to great liability. If GS leader when to the Y, they can't get a group pass.
- Fishing Program Donation – Are we getting bait and rods? Brian F. said they are using the equipment from last year. Lan's husband is donating bait.
- Rec Director Goals – Letter read by Diane. Mike recommended William Boyle. June 3rd is his start date. Mike is waiting on CORI check and paperwork.
- Bruce Young – Concern that the Rec Director position has not been eliminated.
 - Town moderator mis-spoke regarding eliminating the position.
- Mike McCue – Position will be funded and he stands behind it.
- Paddleboard/Yoga Training – Deb Blauss – Teacher training. Would be a 2 Day training for individuals wanting to teach yoga paddleboarding. Diane – Can they teach paddleboarding? Does she have her own paddleboards? Deb has a few of them. Normally they have their own boards. Deb is not certified to teach paddleboard classes. If you are going to teach it you would have your own board. Diane – Is there a need for this? Deb said there is a need and worth throwing it out there. Not sure of the cost of it. Better to have it at CK rather than down the cape. When would she have it? Would be all day Saturday/Sunday. Doesn't have to be on the beach. She would market it and we would post it. Deb is going to go back to her and then get more information. Deb is going to get an overview and cost. It would be a 20/80 split. Does have yoga insurance.
- Bruce Young – Wanted to present copies of what happened at town meeting. Gave out bylaws...procedures at town meeting. He wants to present Page 2, Section 11 & 12 – Department made a motion on another department. It's not supposed to happen. Brian stood up at town meeting and said something. He wants to add article 12 so that another department can't vote on another department. After they move the motion they are able to give selling points before making an amendment to the articles.
 - Diane – Didn't feel prepared to argue against the Finance committee
 - Bruce – There are things that should have happened and didn't. The way that the Finance committee operates is that it goes through each line and makes meetings with each department. You are supposed to be allowed to come in and explain your budget article and they are supposed to give you a heads up before the meeting.
 - Diane – How often does the finance committee meet? As often as necessary during the busy season. All meetings are open.
 - Josh had prepared the budget and then left. The way he prepared it wasn't correct/accurate. Diane went to Todd & Mike to ask for help.
 - Finance committee didn't not come to us to give us a heads up on what they are recommended. No communication was given to us.

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- Bruce has never seen two operations only partially funded.
- Mike/Todd gave lots of support to prepare the budget.
- Diane has been trying to reach out to Mr. Sullivan. We want to get on the agenda for the Finance committee. We really need to understand and walk through everything.
- Bruce – After they got through with plan to take away the money they went into detail about the enterprise account. CK account isn't generating enough revenue. Most concerning was the chairman of fin comm: "Our intent in October, is to submit articles to close both enterprise accounts and any money generated will flow into town fund".
- They want the money but then they want to close the accounts so we can't access it and use it.
- Diane – If it happened and got put in general fund, would they actually budget for repairs/staff. The town can't get rid of CK and can't sell it. They would need to bring in a management company to run it. We would have to pay them and they manage. They wouldn't put money into repairs. They don't have any interest in it other than to make money.
- Bruce – it would change the focus of the recreation commission.
- No intent to privatize CK
- Mike is not in favor of getting rid of enterprise account.
- Diane – Before dissolving an enterprise account it would have to be voted on. We need to get a new rec director in and give him a chance to make money. We want new events and open it up to everyone in town. It's for all the people.
- Juvy – Town needs to be committed and trust in all it's qualities. Other departments need to look at this place as a profit.
- Mike says this place is some place that can make money and do well. Hopeful that the new rec director can bring in some money to offset some activities.
- It's been hard trying to make money before this commission.
- Juvy – Business plan – is there a business plan? No there has been a business plan started. Rec director and commission would have to put together business plan.
- Mike – Lack of agreement on the septic project...does that effect the budget. Depends on who you speak to. Lots of money that needs to be put into the camp. There may be free cash coming up in October but can't make a commitment to that.
- Diane – If we didn't have to make the septic payment...we would probably have broken even.



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