

Community Center Committee Minutes

February 18, 2020

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

Present: Kinga Walsh, Nancy Doniger, Doria Linnetz, Fred Taylor, Filippo Formica, Eleanor Cruwys-Hayes, Brian Hargraves

Also Present: Matt Ariniello

Absent: Cheyanne Wirtz, Jeff Tousignant, Olivia Deschenes, Bill Manfredonia, Kevin Byrne

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

There was no public.

Ms Doniger moved to accept the January minutes 2nd by Mr Taylor – approved

Directors Report

We are excited to have over 5,000 members to date! Yesterday was a record in which we recorded record numbers at the center over 800 check-ins and 72 guest passes were issued.

Our punch list continues to be knocked down, last month we discussed the HVAC issues on the pool deck which has since been resolved. We are awaiting final cost estimates on the recirculation pump and we have found a mechanical services company to do the fire pump strainer for around \$6,000. The locker room thresholds are set to begin installation next month and we have found a vendor for the curtains. We have sent a letter from the First Selectman to the locker room flooring vendor on a resolution for the sheet vinyl.

Contract w/CT Custom Aquatics they will be doing a monthly service check and be on call (for an additional service fee when called) for the pool. They will be getting mineral pump for the spots in the pool which is caused by brown algae.

We had the opportunity to host the Race 4 Chase ceremony on January 30th with the Community Center being the 29th site and first non YMCA site. This past week I hired the head coach of this year's program, which will be Erin Kowalski, Chase's sister.

Upcoming Projects:

Installation of the adult changing table in the Family Locker Room: We ran into some issues with the wall and electricity and hope to have it installed within the month. Chair rails will be installed in the Multi-Purpose Room and Activity Room after we paint the walls. Spring Guide has been released, we

are really excited with our current numbers after our first week we have brought in \$15,310.00 in revenue and have 8 swimming lessons already full.

Next month, we are kicking off our Splash Program in cooperation with Children's Adventure Center and Stew Leonard's Charities. Summer Programs will be released March 1st.

There were 30 new memberships over President's day weekend.

March 29th is Breakfast with the Bunny which will include lots of activities and crafts along with breakfast and the Easter Bunny.

Feb 28th the summer program brochure will go to the printer.

Discussion on pool capacity and guest passes on days off from school.

Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation event was held. The State Veterinarian relayed the accommodations that needed to be met for the animals. Wash stations were available for those handling the animals. Newtown's Health Department was also consulted.

March 16 and 18 there will be a meeting in the Multi-purpose room with developer proposals for the Fairfield Hills Complex. This is open to the public.

ESPN will be interviewing Newtown Pride Soccer Team at the Community Center tomorrow night. They won the Amateur Cup and will be announcing a scholarship program with the Community Center.

New Business

Discussion on Rental Agreement form changes.

Mr Hargraves made the following motion: "Occasional rental of rooms for specific events by for-profit commercial business is allowed. However, a for-profit commercial business conducting a significant portion of their business/activities in the Community Center is not allowed. Ms Doniger 2nd the motion – approved

Ms Linnetz made the following motion: If any press and/or media presence is anticipated, please submit notification in a letter/email to the Director and is subject to approval by the First Selectman's office. If additional security will be needed as a result, the renter must request it from the Police Department and is responsible for the cost. This will be added to the rental agreement subject to approval of 1st Selectman and legal council. Mr Hargraves 2nd the motion – approved

Mr Hargraves moved that the actual YTD budget figures be included with the minutes. Ms Doniger 2nd

Discussion followed and the sheet is to be marked draft until the format is finalized. Approved

Discussion on survey - The survey is to determine what is liked and what is needed as this first year comes to an end. This will be online through survey monkey and paper copies will also be available. Length and content as well as purpose and distribution were discussed.

Due to the late hour, agenda items 4 and 5 will be on the March agenda.

Ms Linnetz moved to adjourn at 8:30 2nd by Ms Doniger. approved

Respectfully submitted, LeReine Frampton, clerk