

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023

Attendees: Dave Stone (Chair), Shannon Hammond (Vice-Chair), Monica Arbo (Secretary), Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Danny Cates, Pat Pogmore and Matt Foster. Others present were Charlie Harakaly, Dave Waldburger, Brian Bombria, Elizabeth Trosell, Jessica Chapman, Roy Whitehouse, Dean Chapman and Brayden Lynn.

1. **Call to order:** 6:02 PM.

2. **Audience for Citizens:**

- Dave Stone introduced Charlie Harakaly as a possible new member.
- Brian Bombria spoke about waiting to move forward with expansion of 9 holes on the back nine for disc golf (spent many hours laying out the course). The course will be very fun for all levels with other things to do at the park that will draw people to Chaplin.

3. **Secretary's Report:**

Amie Kraemer motioned to table Secretary's Report, Dave Stone seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Special Revenue balance – \$6,931.01 (plus about \$200 not yet deposited)

General Fund balance - \$13,087.49

5. **Thread City Cycles – park use:**

Dave Waldburger spoke about using the park for Thread City Cycles annual event this year with use of the bathrooms and hydrant but not having access to the Concession Stand (need sink and counter for washing and cutting food). This year was the biggest turnout with 115 people and 125 bicyclists. They would like to use the park for next year's event (3rd or 4th Sunday in July) and asked what is needed for access to the Concession Stand. The current Building Use Policy only allows the Rec Commission to open the Concession Stand (other items are stored there) and would require them to remain there for the day (Dave suggested doing in shifts – will work on coverage or could ask the BOS change the policy). Changes to leave the bathrooms open are in the works.

Dave Stone motioned to sponsor Thread City Cycles for next year on the 3rd or 4th Sunday in July, Shannon Hammond seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

6. **Disc Golf Glow League:**

Sponsorship for the Disc Golf Glow League was pulled for now due to not receiving requested paperwork (spreadsheet with list of people, money coming in and money going out – common practice for public property). Brian Bombria expressed concerns about the paperwork and complaints brought up at the last meeting (anonymous complaint received about people getting drunk and rowdy was not a factor - sponsorship pulled because required paperwork not received). Elizabeth Trosell expressed concerns about shutting them down without giving them an opportunity to discuss. Dave Stone apologized for the misunderstanding with the paperwork and proposed reinstating sponsorship to start on a weekly basis with submission of requested spreadsheet.

Shannon Hammond motioned to reinstate sponsorship for the Disc Golf Glow League for every Friday with correct paperwork to be submitted within 24 hours, Pat Pogmore seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Cornhole leagues/tournaments:

Discussion was held about the Cornhole tournaments including: concerns about 2 tournaments a week being too much to run (no one showed up today), concerns about the cost, consider doing 1 tournament a week (Sundays), consider doing a bigger tournament monthly as a benefit picking a new place each time to donate funds (open the Concession Stand – would draw a lot of different groups of people), consider doing quarterly or coordinate next year with Chaplin Day, consider doing a benefit in honor of a Chaplin resident with funds to go to a National Chairity, focus on the leagues for now. Will discuss further next month.

Matt Foster motioned to cancel the Cornhole Tournaments for now, P. Pogmore seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

8. Soccer: Need to get flyers out before school starts (Amie will contact Coach Melissa).

9. Chaplin Day – continued discussion, action, and planning:

- Dave Stone presented preliminary map of the layout including: vendors, Food Trucks, Hot Air Balloon (3-6 people at a time weather permitting), Bounce House (may need a generator), Lawn Mower Races (hay bales track with a pace car and trophies), Cornhole Tournament (should be close enough to hear the bands play), Fry Pan Toss, Dunk Tank, Green Valley Trucks, Dumpsters, Fire Department (new Fire Truck, Jaws of Life demo with a junk car) and Ambulance. Matt Foster asked if fire extinguishers need to be purchased (have plenty, Fire Department will be on site).
- Responsibilities: Dave (floater), Shannon (vendors until noon, concessions, floater), Monica (concessions, Corn Hole), Danny (Lawn Mower Races), Pat (Fry Pan Toss, floater), Amie (concessions, floater), Matt (electronics). Staff can be identified with army green T-shirts.

Monica Arbo motioned to approve up to \$150 for T-shirts for Chaplin Day, Dave Stone seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

- Amie Kraemer asked about parking (DPW will handle parking and trash, signs will be posted for parking at the Senior Center/Library, no parking signs will be posted where necessary – Monica suggested roping off near the septic tank at the Town Hall). Pat Pogmore asked about flaggers (about \$40 an hour and requires a permit – not enough time to obtain).

- Monica Arbo noted petty cash is needed for concessions.

Monica Arbo motioned to spend up to \$2,000 for concessions, Dave Stone seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

A special meeting will be held on September 5th before Chaplin Day.

10. Membership – discussion on filling vacancy:

Dave Stone motioned to suggest to the Board of Selectmen to appoint Charlie Harakaly to fill the Rec Commission vacancy, Monica Arbo seconded. Motion passed with one abstention by Dave Stone.

11. Second Audience for Citizens: None

12. Adjourn:

Pat Pogmore motioned to adjourn (7:24 PM), Dave Stone seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

***Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Scott, Recording Clerk***