

## **Columbia Recreation Commission Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

**September 8, 7:00 PM**

### **Conference Room**

**Present:** Ann Dunnack, Melissa Petrone, Jill Swenson, Nikki Keldsen, Steve Piro, Marc Volza  
Millie Ramsey

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved for 8/11/15 3-0-0.
- 3. Audience of Citizens:** Jim and Karen Thompson from Lake Road presented their concerns about an individual who frequents the beach several times a day and acts inappropriately. Both report that this individual urinates in public, takes items out of people's cars/trucks, and has exposed himself. They have reported this to State Police and BOS. Jill spoke with Resident Trooper who suggested that residents continue to call so that he can issue a warrant for his arrest. The Thompsons are concerned about the well-being of residents. The CRC recommended that the Thompsons continue to contact the State Trooper and the BOS regarding this individual's behavior. A second issue the Thompsons had was their son attended Camp Care at the beach, life guards would not allow noodles to be used as flotation devices. They made an exception for the day. Ann explained that other than coast guard approved life jackets flotation devices are not allowed, however she will speak with the life guards and allow noodles in this case for the upcoming 2016 beach season. They asked about the purchase of a water wheel chair and beach mats for wheel chairs. Town will not purchase chair until beach is not graded.
- 4. Welcome to new Assistant Recreation Director Marc Volza.**
- 5. Resignations:** Ann is resigning from her position on rec commission and Jill is resigning as rec director and moving into Finance Department. Nikki was appointed Chair of Recreation Commission.
- 6. Old Business:**

1. **Beach:** Overall beach season went well. Beach pass system went well this year. Kayak rentals went well almost 30 rentals. Need for a basic incident report for incidents other than medical incidents.
  2. **Kayaks:** Millie developed a draft kayak usage for having towns people using kayaks free of charge. Need to have some waivers and first come first serve.
  3. **Columbia Market:** Went well. Steady stream of people came through.
- 7. New Business:**
1. **Basketball:** Registration will open on Thursday. We can use Eastconn for practice and new jerseys will be purchased.
  2. **Fall Programs:** Babysitting class at the end of October. Two sessions after school. Two paint and sip nights and some youth paint nights. Teen night on the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Beckish center.
  3. **Road Race/Chili Cook Off:** Need to put it next to the pavilion. Steve has four so far. Health department stated that it was fine as long as we post a sign stating the chili was made in a non-certified kitchen. Jill will check on if we can give cash prizes for winners.
  4. **Dog Show:** September 26<sup>th</sup> at Recreation Park.
  5. **2016 Car Show:** September 2016 at Recreation Park.
  6. **Other:** Zumba kicked out because of presentation. Tends to be a theme that recreation activities get moved. Nikki does not see this as fair and equitable treatment and needs to be addressed with BOS>
  8. **Recreation Director's Report:** See above. Skyhawks mini-camp had low attendance. Maybe do camp on a non-swim lesson camp.
  9. **Election of Officers:** Ann nominates Nikki, Steve seconds. Nikki is chair. 4-0-0.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Melissa Petrone  
Secretary

Received: October 13, 2015  
 At: 9:38 AM  
 Attest: Maude McChath  
 Town Clerk/ ~~Assistant~~ Assistant Town Clerk TC