



**TOWN OF  
THOMPSON**  
Recreation Commission

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**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 13, 2023**  
**Via Zoom 6:30pm**

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1. Call to order / Record – The meeting was called to order by Brian Lievense (Recreation Director) at 6:30pm and the recording was started.
2. Roll Call – Cynthia Antos, Dave Clark, Gloria Harvey, Ashley Lewis, Donna Poitras  
Community/Staff Members: Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Lynn Looby (Recording Secretary)
3. Minutes Review  
May 24, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed (time stamp 00:33)  
Two edits: Section 4B last bullet – should be horse-drawn wagon; Section 6B Walktober Spooky Walk – should be Thompson Historical Society  
**\*\*D. Clark made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by D. Poitras. Motion passed 5-0-0**
4. Financial Reports
  - a. General fund at 42% which includes grant payments (Thompson Seniors, Youth Soccer, Little League, and Project Grad)
  - b. Fund Balance – unchanged; estimated at \$27,000
  - c. Revolving Account - \$25,475.02
5. Director's Report (time stamp 03:38)
  - a. Purely Recreation
    - Hired two staff members (seniors at TMHS)
    - New coordinators doing well
    - 40 children in the afterschool program and 12-13 children in morning program
  - b. Special Events – Turkey Trot, Winter Festival & Bonfire, Holiday Light Contest
    - Turkey Trot – set a record for donations (over \$16,000) over \$20,000 total that includes the runner registration fees; split will be approximately \$5500/each for Recreation, TEEG, and Trails
    - Winter Festival Bonfire – 1<sup>st</sup> year with this format (bigger event); discussed potential changes for 2024; Senior Citizens raised \$1100 with the tree raffle; good attendance; Outdoor Market needs to be redesigned (survey being sent to the vendors); Need more options for food; Music in more locations
    - Holiday Light Contest – Currently have 20 registered; asking participants to send a photo; map will be done by December 15
  - c. Adult Programs – Yoga, Bus Trips, Pickleball
    - Yoga – 8-10 people signing up each session
    - Bus Trips – 12 trips in 2023 – attendance with between 25-40; fewer trips in 2024 – 8 day trips and 2 overnight trips

- Pickleball – good first year; working on open gym at the elementary school in January on Monday nights
- d. Senior Program
  - Lecture/Discussion – every month with good attendance
  - Senior Craft – meets monthly with good attendance
  - Pound Exercise – drumming class; good attendance but will work on increasing participation
  - Chair Yoga – good attendance but will work on increasing participation
- e. Youth Programs
  - Youth Basketball – 150 children playing; numbers have dropped in the middle school student range; combined 5&6 grade league with other towns
  - Mini Basketball – full program – 16 children registered (age: 3-5)
  - Winter Enrichment Programs – finishing Lego and Art Clubs; starting Comic Book Club
  - Santa’s Workshop – 20 children registered
  - Letters from Santa – received 30 letters to date
- 6. New Business (time stamp 29:10)
  - a. Parks Master Plan
    - Develop a parks master plan before budget meeting
    - Assessment of the Town parks and immediate and long-term needs/areas of development
    - Discussed a few options
    - Request capital funding on a yearly basis; will help when/if matching grants become available
  - b. 2024 TRC Grant Applications
    - All grants paid out in November
    - Inviting organizations to submit for 2024
  - c. Fiscal 2024/2025 Budget
    - Compiling 2024/2025 budget submission
    - Approval at January meeting
- 7. Old Business (time stamp 47:25)
  - a. Porch Fest
    - Need to talk with other towns on the format, logistics, etc.
    - Late Spring/Summer event
- 8. Other Comments from the Commission
  - a. Still need to complete playground inspection
- 9. Correspondence – none
- 10. Citizen’s Comments – none
- 11. Announcements – none
- 12. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 25, 2024
- 13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.**

Respectfully submitted  
Lynn Looby  
Recording Secretary

*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month’s meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.*