



# TOWN OF THOMPSON

Recreation Commission

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## Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 28, 2024 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, Renee Waldron  
Community/Staff Members: Brian Lievense (Recreation Director), Lynn Looby (Recording Secretary)  
Absent: Jen Hall, Ashley Lewis, Donna Poitras
3. Minutes Review  
February 22, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed (at time stamp :45)  
**\*\*C. Antos made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by R. Waldron. Motion passed 4-0-0**
4. Financial Reports (at time stamp 1:20)
  - A. General Fund Budget Report – 70% of total fund usage
  - B. Fund Balance (current) – approximately \$25,000 which includes restricted donations
  - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account – approximately \$44,000
    - Registrations opened for Spring and Summer Programs (400 registrations to date)
5. Director's Report (at time stamp 7:00)
  - A. Purely Recreation – 4 new registrations this week; currently 46 children in the program; 5 staff members working every day; morning program has 12 children
  - B. Special Events
    - Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30 as last week was rained out
    - Someone Special Dance – April 26 – will take place in the middle school gym; 20 registered; registration is still open; will promote at the Easter Egg Hunt and on social media
    - Maker Fair – May 4 – currently 62 vendors registered; goal is for 80+ vendors; Wing Sinclair will be performing during the Fair
    - Pickleball Tournament – May 18 and 19 – approximately 16 people are registered; there will be a beginner and advanced divisions; men's and women's taking place on May 18; mixed doubles will take place on May 19
    - Touch-A-Truck – June 6 – will take place at the library; good response from vendors
    - Summer Concerts – June 29, July 13, July 27, and August 3
  - C. Adult Programs
    - Yoga – over 10 people registered for this session
    - Zumba – over 10 people registered; takes place at the library; the next session will begin April 11

- Pickleball lessons – starting on April 16 and the league begins on May 16 with teams of 4 (2 men and 2 women for individual and mixed doubles matches)
- Finding Your Families Roots in Thompson – April 14 and 21; hosted by the Thompson Historical Society; free event
- Community Garden will be happening again this summer at 65 Main Street
- Bus trips – strong registration; most popular are Foster’s Clambake, Block Island, Lancaster PA (overnight trip), and Bronx Zoo

D. Senior Programs

- Lecture/Discussion – April 9 – DKH will be doing a presentation on the elderly and falling; CT Historical Society will be doing a presentation in June on weddings in Connecticut
- Senior Crafts – meets once a month; approximately 10 people attend
- St. Patrick’s Day Party – cancelled due to low registration and the senior lunch, corned beef and cabbage, planned for the same day
- Senior Luau – will be scheduled in the summer
- Pound Exercise – participation is growing
- Chair Yoga – participation is growing

E. Youth Programs

- Mini Sports – mini soccer starts next week (3 classes of 14);
- Spring enrichment programs
  - o Theater Club – 14 participants; finishing in the next few weeks with a performance for parents and invited guests at the high school auditorium; Purely Rec will be attending
  - o Explorer’s Club – 7 registered; will begin next week; outdoors club with hiking, gardening, etc.
  - o Comic Book Club – ending next month with an event that parents and invited guests will attend to display their comic books
- Epic Soccer Clinic – will be scheduled the last week of June and mid-August
- Tourtellotte Basketball Camp – will be scheduled for the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Minds in Motion – will be scheduled the week after school ends; before summer camp starts
- Adventure Camp – registration is open with 26 children currently registered; cap will be 48 children and then a waitlist will be started for a possible second bus
- Trail Camp – will take place the week after Adventure Camp; base location will be either the Town Hall or the Library; participants will hike a different State Park each day

6. New Business (at time stamp 33:56)

- A. MyRec Software Review – had demonstrations with a few other software vendors; both were more expensive than the current software; B. Lievense feels some functionality with MyRec Software is not being used to it’s potential; he and Amanda will start to review and work with MyRec support

7. Old Business (at time stamp 36:19)

- A. Parks Master Plan – B. Lievense will focus on drafting the survey now that Spring and Summer registrations have opened
- B. 2024 TRC Grant applications – NECONN Soccer \$1200; Thompson Little League \$2000; Thompson Senior Citizens \$1500; Project Graduation \$250

**R. Waldron made a motion to approve the FY2025 TRC Grant applications as submitted; seconded by C. Antos. Motioned passed 4-0-0**

8. Other Comments from the Commission (at time stamp 40:21)

- A. Plaque was submitted to Darlene Trethaway at the last Selectmen’s meeting; R. Waldron spoke; her son was present to accept on her behalf
- B. Porch Fest – will be creating a subcommittee to start researching this type of event and talking with other towns

- C. Winter Festival and Bonfire – scheduled for December 7 from 2-8pm; currently have 26 vendors registered; vendors will be moved indoors at the library
- D. Roadside Clean Up – scheduled for the month of April; dumpster is in place and about 100 bags have been handed out.

9. Correspondence – none

10. Citizen's Comments – none

11. Announcements – none

12. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 25, 2024

13. Adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.**

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.*