9/25/25 Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes, taken by Jason Hartnett.

Attendees:

Sara Molina (SM) Samantha Kondracki (SK) Emily Beeman (EB) Jason Hartnett (JH)

Guests Claudia Hay

Call to Order - 6:03 by SM

- **1. Changes to Agenda** *Motion to add executive session to discuss new member candidate, moved by JH, second SK, all in favor.*
- **2. Approval of minutes from 8/25/25** *Motion to approve as written, SM, second EB, all in favor.*
- 3. Fall Plans Update by SM, pickle ball had a smaller than anticipated turn out. Most likely due to limited advertising. Will possibly try Facebook paid-ads ad they are relatively cheap and can reach a larger audience. The Trails Commission wants to partner with the Rec Commission on their grand re-opening of the Hoot, Toot, and Whistle Trail which may be sometime in October.
 - Day of The Dead, EB is the coordinator (typically), and a decision will be made if Rec is doing anything to celebrate this year. Scheduling may be an issue.
 - There has been discussion with Shelly Park & Nikki Steel in partnering to hold an event this fall winter, possibly a Full Moon Event or something like "The Winter Place". There are grants available through the AARP which encourages more senior involvement than typically may turn out. SM & SK would apply for the grant. Ideas for what to do with old Christmas trees after the holiday: possibly put old trees in an open area which could be connected to a local walking trail (such as behind the Moover station), maybe leave the lights on the trees, possibly to act as a memorial for some people. Maybe have a large bonfire with the old trees and connect this to "The Winter Place" event, maybe tout it as a restart for the new year by burning something old.
- **4. Budget Discussion** Possibly add a part-time Rec Director position. Motion to approve 2026 Budget 092525 Revision, presented by SM, motion by JH, second EB, all in favor
- **5. Buzzy Towne Update** The goal of building a new playground at Buzzy Towne is still moving along. SM has reached out the VT DEC floor plain representative to continue determining next steps. SK has a list of grants to apply for and manufacturers to talk to about our specific needs related to the land where the playground would ao.
- 6. New Business Need to add Zoom remote link to all meeting agendas and enable a remote option. Find out who runs/coordinates the Senior Recess at OSEC. This connection could be beneficial in planning the Winter/Full Moon event. JH update: Either Shirlee Sullivan or Janet Boyd can be contacted regarding Senior Recess.
- **7. Executive Session** Motion to enter executive session to discuss new Commission member candidate, at 6:53 pm, moved by SK, second JH, all in favor.
 - Return to regular session at 7:12 pm with a motion to recommend Claudia Hay to the open Rec Commission seat, to the Select Board and Town Manager.

Motion to Adjourn – 7:21 pm, moved by EB, seconded by SK, all in favor.