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Recreation Committee Meeting, October 29, 2019

Present: Committee Members, Bonne Masseo, Toni Hokanson, Recreation Director Chuck Bordino. Meeting commenced at 6:30pm, New Paltz Community Center.

Agenda: Survey, Sports and Arts Organizations, Five Year Plan, Former, Town Hall Property, Recreation Center at Field of Dreams, Rate Changes, Net Recreation Profits, Soccer Fields Update.

Director Bordino discussed the returned surveys of the Town's Sports Organizations, Adult and Youth. A draft of the five year plan will be presented to the committee during The December meeting and a final version is tentatively to be completed and forwarded to the Town Board by the end of the year or early in 2020.

The former Town Hall Property was again discussed as a possible site for a future park which would include basketball and Pickleball courts. Since the Moriello Pool Playground has been opened now for off season use, the committee expressed the opinion that a new playground at the Town Hall site is no longer a viable pursuit. Committee Member Masseo expressed the idea of lights at the aforementioned courts with possible usage by Youth Basketball during the summer season. The group agreed with the concept and the future park will be entailed in the five year plan with the understanding that a new town hall will not be built on the site and the Board will ultimately agree to a Town Park concept.

Continued discussion from the September Meeting regarding a Recreation Center (Indoor Facility) at the Field of Dreams, was positive and all agreed to have this project incorporated in the five year plan. The center would mainly be used by soccer, have a synthetic surface with the option of a portable hard surface to accommodate other sports that would require this type of playing surface. The multi surface approach would increase the usage of the facility by youth and adult organizations as well as share the cost of overhead.

Rate changes at the Community Center for 2020 were presented to the group by Director Bordino. He noted that the party and event rates have not changed since the Center's opening back in 2009. Committee Member Hokanson suggested increases to non-residents and a slight increase for residents. Some further options were discussed, Bordino will initiate this agenda again, during the December meeting.

Net Profits were discussed with concern by all that said funds do not go back into the Recreation Budget. Hokanson offered the prospect of the net funds being added to the budget line during the following fiscal year. All agreed upon the concept and Bordino stated that he will present this to the Board before the 2021 budget deadline, the 2020 budget has already been submitted.

The soccer fields have been built, the Highway Dept will delay the seeding until next spring due to final grading and approaching cold weather. The soil will be hay covered for the winter season to prevent soil erosion. The existing road in to the field area and pavilion have been made wider for parking and the Highway Dept is planning on extending the water line so that the new fields can address watering during the spring and summer seasons.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

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