

**ASHFORD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
RECREATIONAL OFFICE
MONDAY, 2/13/2023 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Members present were Sherry York, Andrew Doering, Dan Kehoe, Neil Gordon, and Amanda Holden.
 - A. Public to be heard:** No public to be heard.
 - B. Financial Report:** No current financial report to be shared.
 - C. Minutes from January Meeting:** The APRC reviewed the minutes from the Minutes from the January meeting.
 - i.** Motion was made to approve minutes from the last APRC meeting on 1/9/2023. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
 - D. Appointments to Commission, compliance:** The Board of Selectman appointed Dave Roston, APRC alternate to the position of Interim Chairperson.
 - i.** Discussion occurred regarding other commission members who may be interested in the Chairperson position. Neil Gordon expressed interest in trying the position for a year. A discussion will occur at the next meeting so that all members interested in the Chairperson position can be in attendance.

- 2. Old Business:**
 - A. Program Update –**
 - i. Basketball:** The basketball season finished strong and a lot of good things happened over the season.
 - a.** This past weekend there was a Jamboree for basketball players in grades 3 & 4. The 3rd and 4th-grade players showed lots of growth from the beginning of the season.
 - b.** The 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th-grade basketball boys and girls teams played in a single elimination championship. Ashford's 5th/6th boys and 7th/8th-grade girls won the championship.
 - c.** High School recreational basketball is still running as well as 1st and 2nd-grade instructional basketball.
 - ii. Hearts and Crafts:** This program occurred last Friday and allowed kids to create Valentine's Day-themed crafts. There were about 20 kids in total.
 - iii. Upcoming Programs February & March:**
 - a.** Adult Basketball starts in February. The cost is \$30.00 to participate.
 - b.** Tuesday night Pickleball starts in March. The cost to participate is \$30.00.
 - iv. Afterschool Program:**
 - a.** An update was given regarding the Afterschool program. Interviews for staff members are pending with the Board of Selectman and the program hopes to launch in April. This would allow the staff three months to trial the program, discover any problems, and find solutions in order to have a solid program to start the school year in September 2023.
 - B. Parks Maintenance:** No update regarding the park's maintenance.

3. New Business:

A. Budget Submission: No new information regarding the budget submission.

B. Active Living grant from EHD: Grant money is available that will provide funding for activities that promote active living in the community.

- i.** Discussion occurred regarding various activities for the community, such as a disc golf field, rentable kayaks, improving current trails, and adding outdoor fitness equipment at Ashford Memorial Park. The APRC agreed that funding for outdoor fitness equipment would be a great addition to the park. Sherry will touch base with Andi Blume to finalize the grant.

4. Closing- Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made and carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:53 p.m.