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Meeting Date: 6/30/2022
Meeting Location: Remote Teams meeting
Minutes Approved: _1/10/2023_

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 with Tom, AJ, and Dan in attendance. Also attending were Steve Daigle and Lawney Tinio from the Rock the Block committee.

The commission voted to re-organize. **AJ made a motion to appoint Dan the chair, tom seconded and all approved.**

Steve and Lawney presented the Rock the Block event. It was initially intended to be in the center of town but after reviewing it made more sense to move the event to the park. The date is 9/10 from 2pm-12pm. They reviewed the layout. The activity will be centered on Pezzella with Lowell being used for inflatables and activities. They are hoping to allow people to have full range of the Pezzella area with alcoholic beverages and will post signs. Dan will put Lawney in touch with sports groups. They are working on food trucks and hope to have them in the Millville Rd lot. Fireworks will be in the back as they were for the old car show. Parking will be at the fields on North Ave opposite Clough with a shuttle. AJ asked about lighting. Lawney said the event is over after the fireworks. LT asked about previous events. AJ said they had done 3v3 basketball tournaments in the past with success. The band will be by the playground gate with hired sound crew and stage/trailer. Tom said he is concerned about emergency access but if public safety approves it's ok with us. All agree parking is going to be a big challenge. Dan suggested they post lots of signage, as we did for Farm to Table.

Dan asked about timing, he needs to block out the fields for youth sports. LT thinks set up will be Fri night and then all-day Sat and they should be done Sunday. They discussed staffing. There will be police detail. Dan recommended they do a lot of PR on the parking and details. Steve said they have Lindsey Nickerson handling social media. All discussed this may be a 5-year event.

AJ made a motion to approve the Rock the Block event pending receipt of insurance, allowing the sale of alcohol, and to waive the fees as this is a town sponsored event, Tom seconded, and all approved.

The commission discussed the beach project. Tom set up a meeting with Dave Marchand from UniLock on Friday and he will report back to the commissioners.

They reviewed the playground area and plans.

The commission discussed the lake testing. All agree we need to push the board of health to expand testing. The closures are impacting the revenue of the beach.

Dan got more info on the naming of the concession stand. The Pezzella shack was built as an eagle project for Joel Tetreault who is Jody's brother. It may make more sense to name the softball shack instead. We need to discuss further with the interested party.

Dan updated the board on Morrison Drive. We have almost moved out all our stuff. It will be stored in various locations. We will keep using Morrison to park the truck until the last possible moment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.