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**Meeting Date: 4/3/2023**  
**Meeting Location: Hybrid**  
**Minutes Approved: \_10/3/2023\_**

**Members Present:** Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

**Members Absent:**

**Parks Director:** Dan Byer

**Others:**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:38am with Tom, AJ, and Dan in attendance remotely.*

The commissioners discussed the lake and testing.

The commissioners discussed the beach playground. Shawn is working on a price to install timbers around the border of the playground area to contain the wood chips

The commissioners discussed the beach fencing. Dan spoke with the neighbor at 49 Taft. The new owner is interested in having the fence between her property and the beach replaced. Dan thinks it would be around \$8k based on the quote for the right side of the beach. If we split it, it would be \$4k. Tom isn't sure if we have enough funds. All agree to table this until the rest of the project is completed. We can explore this at a later date.

The commissioners discussed the parks garage. Tom asked for an update. Dan has not heard back from Kim or anyone on the next steps. Tom suggested emailing again including the commissioners. They discussed the process. We would like to get this on the May warrant

Dan updated Tom on the field lights. We have not been able to get any prices yet. We may need to table this. Dan still hasn't gotten the quote that baseball received.

The commissioners discussed the hiring process. They reviewed the maintenance positions.

**AJ made a motion to hire the maintenance employees at the rates and titles listed below shown, pending a clear background check. Tom seconded, and all approved.**

Position	Name (Years of Service)	2023 Rate	Hours
Landscape Maint. Crew Lead	Brian St. John (5)	\$18.50	32-40
Landscape Maint. Crew 1	Christopher Machione (2)	\$16.00	32-40
Landscape Maint. Crew 2	Aiden Morcone (2)	\$18.00	36

We would like to find a 4<sup>th</sup> person to work a few days week, so we have someone ready to step up next year. Tom suggests we change the name of the maintenance position to “landscape maintenance”. Dan will update listings. That may help us get more applications.

The commissioners reviewed the camp positions. Dan discussed the interview process. Alan, Jenn, and Dan interviewed all the candidates and are recommending the following:

**AJ made a motion to hire the rec program employees at the rates and titles shown, Tom seconded and all approved.**

Position	Name (Years of Service)	2023 Rate	Hours
Rec. Program Director	Alan DeAngelis (13)	\$26.00	40
Rec. Program Asst. Director	Jennifer St. John (6)	\$20.75	40
Rec. Program Manager 1	Timothy Reed (5)	\$16.25	35-40
Rec. Program Manager 2	Hallie Arpin (2)	\$15.75	30-40
Rec. Program Sr. Counselor 1	Samantha Chrabaszcz (2)	\$15.50	30-40
Rec. Program Sr. Counselor 2	Alyssa Crotty (3)	\$15.50	30-40
Rec. Program Sr. Counselor 3	Megan DeFrancesco (3)	\$15.50	30-40
Rec. Program Sr. Counselor 4	Julia Mistretta (3)	\$15.50	30-40
Rec. Program Sr. Counselor 5	Rylie Loftus (2)	\$15.50	30-40
Rec. Program Counselor 1	Matt Caroll (2)	\$15.25	15-20
Rec. Program Counselor 2	Madison Fairweather (2)	\$15.25	15-20
Rec. Program Counselor 3	Jonathan Floris (3)	\$15.25	15-20
Rec. Program Counselor 4	Iris Marcello (2)	\$15.25	15-20
Rec. Program Counselor 5	Eleanor Poitras (2)	\$15.25	15-20
Rec. Program Counselor 6	Elyse Bouchard	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 7	Cali Brouillard	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 8	Michael Byrne	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 9	Nicholas Byrne	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 10	Madison Drew	\$15.00	10-20
<del>Rec. Program Counselor 11</del>	<del>Joseph Fraser</del>	<del>\$15.00</del>	<del>10-20</del>
Rec. Program Counselor 12	Katherine Godin	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 13	Sydney Hall	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 14	Danielle Jolie	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 15	Fallon Lozano	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 16	Delia McAlister	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 17	Avery Orff	\$15.00	10-20
<del>Rec. Program Counselor 18</del>	<del>Gabrielle Palmer</del>	<del>\$15.00</del>	<del>10-20</del>
Rec. Program Counselor 19	Sarah Snyder	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 20	Emma Wiersma	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Program Counselor 21	Carter Kovacs	\$15.00	10-20
Rec. Prog. Junior Counselor 1	Margaret Boates	\$13.00	10-20
Rec. Prog. Junior Counselor 3	Alison Fleming	\$13.00	10-20
Rec. Prog. Junior Counselor 4	Savannah Gaskill	\$13.00	10-20
Rec. Prog. Junior Counselor 5	Cadence Murzycki	\$13.00	10-20
Rec. Prog. Junior Counselor 6	Gabby Rinehart	\$13.00	10-20

The commissioners discussed the snack shack crew. After the interviews Dan feels we do not need the junior shack position, while the candidates we interviewed were all strong, we also had a large number of qualified applicants for the regular shack position.

**Tom made a motion to hire the snack shack employees listed below at the rates and titles shown, AJ seconded, and all approved.**

Position	Name (Years of Service)	2023 Rate	Hours
Snack Shack 1	Katelyn Bottoms (5)	\$15.50	15-20
Snack Shack 2	Elizabeth Dejesus (2)	\$15.25	15-20
Snack Shack 3	Miah Lanagan (3)	\$15.25	15-20
Snack Shack 4	Maddison Orff (3)	\$15.25	15-20
Snack Shack 5	Kayla Aubut	\$15.00	10-20
Snack Shack 6	Paige Connolly	\$15.00	10-20
Snack Shack 7	Lilly Harvey	\$15.00	10-20
Snack Shack 8	Kyah Montano	\$15.00	10-20

The commission discussed the lifeguard positions. We are in good shape this year and got some great applicants.

**AJ made a motion to hire the lifeguards listed below at the rates and titles shown, Tom seconded, and all approved.**

Position	Name (Years of Service)	2023 Rate	Hours
Lifeguard 1	Hannah Lashley (2)	15.75	15-25
Lifeguard 2	Molly Lashley (4)	16.00	15-25
Lifeguard 3	Astrid Lee (2)	15.75	15-25
Lifeguard 4	Rachel Thibodeau (8)	16.25	10-20
Lifeguard 5	Massimo (Max) Grisanti	15.50	15-20
Lifeguard 6	Maddox Lee	15.50	10-20
Lifeguard 7	Lauren Scott	15.50	15-20
Lifeguard 8	Patrick Scott	15.50	10-20
Lifeguard 7	Jacob Rancourt (2)	15.75	15-20

The commissioners discussed scholarships for the rec program. The Brothers of the Brush are looking to donate to community needs and asked if there were any kids in need. Dan said at this time we do have a few applicants for our financial aid program but none of them are Mendon residents. AJ said the brothers will likely prefer to donate to those in Mendon in need. They discussed some ideas. AJ suggests we come up with a number, Dan thinks maybe \$1,000. We could offer an additional 50% discount on the 20% financial aid program? That would allow the funds to support the most number of people.

The commission discussed the Grover Field shed. The irrigation system has been dismantled and stored in Morrison Dr. The old shed is gone. They expect delivery of the new shed in a few weeks. There was a question of the need to replace the cage for the porta-potty. All agree it should be replaced for security reasons. Soccer may want to locate it at the side of the field and not by the shed.

The commission discussed the status of the classroom eagle project to replace the siding.

The commission discussed the courts and security cameras.

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**AJ made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/3/23 and 3/13/23, Tom seconded and all approved.**

**Tom made a motion to approve the contract with Diamond Athletic for field fertilization, AJ seconded, and all approved.**

The commission discussed soccerfest. MUYSA is looking to book 10/14/23. All are ok with that date.

The commission discussed the issue in front of the basketball court. Some kids built a bike jump. It's a safety hazard and needs to go. Dan will follow up with Sean Belland about fixing it. We are waiting on a delivery of playground wood chips to try and save on labor.

The commission discussed cameras. AJ knows someone who can give us a price. He will set up a meeting.

Dan updated the commission on the basketball court backboard. We have contacted Sport Court and they are ordering the replacement.

The commission discussed setting the next meeting for 4/18.

**AJ made a motion to adjourn at 10:53am, Tom seconded, all approved.**