Date: July 12, 2023

Attendees:

Jeff Cormier, Christina Cormier, Heather Larson, Diane McMorrow, Travis Thibeault,, Jeremy Riches

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

TOPIC	ACTION/OUTCOME
 Parks Director Updates Water on at all buildings. All issues resolved All swings and tire swing are repaired Zip line will be repaired within the week Fertilizer with grub control to be applied next week Soil samples to be run next week or week after 	Kathy will let Travis know dates that fields will be used via email so as to schedule the application of fertilizer
RD Updates Summer Programs: Camp-Going well and at full capacity Lacrosse started with only 3 participants. Concert series begins tomorrow, July 13th at 6:30 pm at	Kathy will advertise/reach out to Rutland to recruit more participants
 Select Board has requested an update on programs 	RD will present to the Select Board at the August meeting
Recreation Commission Related Business Update: Tivnan Lights Project \$173,000 was the lowest bid for RFP for new lights at Tivnan Field. The quote includes steel poles and installation. The original quote for \$80,000 was for fixtures only. At Town Meeting, the \$80,000 was approved to be covered by the town. The new bid represents a \$95,000 difference. Recreation's current budget is \$200,000	

Fcllow-up Discussion:

The committee discussed and brainstormed ideas for moving forward, including:

- Recreation can solicit donations. Country Bank donated for the Bandstand in 2012. We could reach out to them.
- Suggestion made to reach out to Sterling Greenery
- Jeremy Riches shared that replacing has to meet the current standard and that we can no longer have wooden poles.
- The \$80,000 approved at Town Meeting has to be used for lighting. Could possibly be used for Wentworth Field or for basketball court though. If lights were installed in another location, town baseball games would be played during the day only. Sterling baseball currently does this.
- Raising fees for Recreation programs and PLL to generate funding
- Could the PMLD install the lights?

No final decisions made. Discussion to continue at August meeting.

Jeff made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes.

Kathy Card

Jeff will follow-up with Country Bank and Sterling Greenery for possible donations and report back at next meeting.

Jeff will reach out to President of PLL to further discuss.

Pole height might be too tall for Light Dept. to install

Heather seconded the motion. All members in favor and motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 pm