Town of Harwinton
Regular Meeting of the Recreation Commission
Monday, August 8, 2022
Harwinton Town Hall

Members Present: Michael Flowers, Wayne DelMonte, Brian Keller, Bruce Wilcox

Also Present: Kerri Stolle, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting called to Order: 6:16pm

## **Facilities and Field Usage**

For the fall season fields 1 and 5 are going to be closed for maintenance. At this time, we have posted online and have some signs on the fields that are closed. It was suggested that we work with the Public Works office to lock the fields or use temporary barricades to keep people off of the fields.

We discussed that HYSA and BJSA are combining for soccer. We are waiting to hear about field usage for the fall so we can block of times. At this point we do not have a formal signed agreement. The commission asks that they still fill out a field use form and that we develop a written agreement for BJSA and HYSA soccer as well as if we continue to join them for baseball.

The field will be open for Burlington and Harwinton Lacrosse to use but BJSA/HYSA soccer gets priority. We have been approached by AJAX premier about using the facilities this season. The committee agreed upon charging them appropriately with a Group C fee because they are a for profit organization. We discussed the online system that should be up and running in the next few weeks. This can be used to request facility usage as well as to see what is available. The field closures can also be posted on this site.

## **Special Events/Programs**

The outdoor movies have been drawing less than 40 people. HYSA is working with recreation to do kickball and the snack shack in order to draw more people to the event.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> and Hometown Holiday is set for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We want to move forward with making these walk-thru events once again.

Fall programs are being scheduled and within the next few weeks people will be able to register and pay online

The idea of a few bus trips and 5K this winter was also discussed by the group.

The recreation department has applied for a grant to get a temporary ice-skating rink that will hopefully be available to the community this winter.

## Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted, Kerri Stolle

