

**Chili Parks and Recreation Committee**  
2020 Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2020

**Present:** Mike Curley, Karen Trott, Maggie Sheppard, Guy Puglia, Mike Slattery, Jim Crelly, Jim McLean, Don Bigelow, Melissa Cunningham

**Absent:** None

Meeting called to order by Jim Crelly at 6:04 pm.

**Approval of Prior Month (December) minutes:** Motion Melissa Cunningham, second Jim McLean.

**Public Attendees Given Opportunity to Speak:** None

**Recreation Report:** (Furnished by Mike Curley)

Welcome Mike Slattery and Don Bigelow to our committee.

Summer Camp was cancelled given the short period of time to plan appropriately due to Covid 19. Concerns with safety issues, staffing requirements and financial constraints.

Daily programs were implemented the week of July 13. Some programs filled to capacity while others did not. The programs are available through digital catalog.

Mike Curley will be meeting with school officials to discuss options regarding before and after school programs. Waiting to hear on what the school year will look like this Fall.

The Senior Center and Recreation Department have combined upon Mary Anne Sears retirement. We wish Mary Anne the best and she will be greatly missed. The Recreation Dept. has implemented a Grab & Go drive thru at the Senior Center, providing boxed lunches every Monday and Thursday through registration only. Approximately 125 to 155 lunches are provided.

Mike Curley discussed potential changes to Chili Fest 2021. Proposing a possible 2 day event at the new Community Center, with discussion of a date change. Discussed obtaining vendor lists for Arts and Crafts tables for the festival.

Discussed brainstorming future programs implementing community support through the new Community Center, i.e. establishing a food cupboard.

The Recreation Dept is tentatively planning a newsletter in January 2021.

**Parks Report:**

Melissa Cunningham proposed and will spearhead posting pictures of our Town's Parks highlighting features that can be utilized, i.e. walking path at Davis Park, disc golf at Wiedner Park, etc. Melissa will work with Mike Curley on this.

Don Bigelow has initiated a Running Club through Chili's Facebook page. The club will run 2x a week beginning Wednesday, July 15 at 6pm and Saturday mornings at 8am. Don will share the running routes ahead of time. Mike Curley to supply Don with Covid 19 waiver forms for participants. Mike Slattery asked that any issues noted with any of the parks trails be communicated to Mike Curley and/or Tony Sloan of the Highway Dept.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Mike Slattery offered and the committee accepted an invitation to tour the new Community Center in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm. Motion **Maggie Sheppard**, second **Don Bigelow**.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR: TBD. Mike Curley to advise.**

Minutes submitted by,

***Karen Trott***

Secretary, Town of Chili Parks and Recreation Committee