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RECREATION COMMISSION
Town Hall – Council Chambers
June 23, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Robin Woodmanse

B) MEMBERSHIP ROLL CALL

Present: Robin Woodmansee, Courtney Olean Paige, Kerly Way and Meredith Cote, Laurie Grandchamp. Also in attendance was Shaun Lacy

Agenda:

B) Minutes - robin approves, laurie seconds, all in favor

C) ECK

- Talked to Eric - it's a no go
- Moving forward will direct business to Karen

D) Procurement:

- For now Erin will handle
- In the future will receive a debit card
- What to purchase:
 - Speaker
 - Bingo kit
 - Dot makers
 - Bingo show
 - Folding tables

- Folding chairs
- Games
- Robin motion to buy the items - Meredith seconds - all in favor

E) Events:

- Battle of the bands move to 2023
- Town bonfire/harvest fest in the fall
 - Michelle Cole
 - Scott Barber
 - Strange ways - \$600

F) Area across the street from the town hall and the American Rescue Plan Act funding

- Laurie met with Karen Pinch
- Details of separate grant April of 2021: \$578K - pavilion, bathroom, playground, basketball courts, engineering is included and will take into account any future use
- Concerns about rising prices/what can be done with the \$\$ received
- The Recreation commission would like to be a part of the process. Karen recognizes that we are now in exist
- Have talked about building a community center
- \$1MM set aside from home closing stamps
- Applied for a grant through Sen. Reeds office. Grant was denied.
- State might have funds for community center - educational aspect - social services aspect - workforce aspect
- \$75K discussed in 5/31 about a community center director - community resource
- How is the maintenance paid for - ongoing needs for upkeep of the facility
- \$20K set aside from ARPA funding for Beaver River playground upkeep
- Is there a date to have ARPA funding questions?
- Money by committed 2024 - completed by 2025
- \$2.3MM - projects proposed to date \$3.5MM

G) Long term planning

- Special meeting to discuss
- Do a survey - all recreation activities - event wise activities space wise

Motion to adjourn - Robin 7:55 - Laurie second - all in agreement

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Olean Paige
Secretary, Recreation Commission