

RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm.

Members Present: Chair Eric Marichal, Vice Chair Kathy Young, Courtney Bunker, Kim Fitch, Daron Goldstein.

Members Absent: April Clifford, Josh Frost, City Councilor Robert Miller.

Staff Present: None.

2. Presentation of Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

- Acadia Fire Futbol Club/ Emil Ellis – no one presented
- Ellsworth Arts/Denise Hue – no one present
- Ellsworth Concert Band/Kelley Tupper, President (presented) and was joined by Joe (VP) and Debbie (Treasurer).
 - Funds to provide stipend for Ed Michu, director; purchase music, shirts for players.
 - In 2020 they had no concerts, in 2021, four scheduled/2 performed
 - Proposing 6 concerts in 2022: 4 Wednesdays in July and first 2 in Aug
 - Audience is usually 50-100; 20-30 bandmembers
 - They promote on FB
- Ellsworth Garden Club/Monica Moeller, President (presented)
 - Answered questions, funds primarily for Blue Start Marker & Harbor Park
- Ellsworth Snowmobile Club – no one presented
- Ellsworth Historic Preservation – no one presented
- Ellsworth Community Music Institute/Nancy, Artistic Director (presented)
 - Funds for monthly concerts in the Moore Center Atrium, May 23 & June 10 (monthly)
 - Majority of the costs covered by a grant, this fills the gap
 - Believe many hundreds of residents served.
- The Grand/Nick Turner, Executive Director (presented)
 - Answered questions and described the various programs and events they offer the community – free or low cost or directed at school children.
 - Hoping to bring back Shakespeare to the harbor as well as the Free Friday concerts
- Ellsworth Little League – letter was return to sender/no one presented
- Downeast Family YMCA/Peter Farragher, CEO (presented)
 - They do work in 20 towns of Hancock County, have a ~\$300k fundraising budget, provide free membership to 6th graders and offer free use of the facility on Friday nights.
 - 15% increase in amount of scholarships given in 2021
- Heart of Ellsworth/Cara Romano (Executive Director) and Jon Stein (Board Chair) presented
 - Spoke to their work in beautification and collaboration of downtown initiatives.
 - Founded in 2019, City holds the accreditation
- Ellsworth Challenger/Todd Wagstaff (presented)
 - All volunteer, started 6 years ago 45 players & Middle/HS buddies
 - For special needs ages 4-18, request is half their annual budget

- Partner with Special Ed teacher in school, free program weekends in September

3. Review of Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Substantive discussion reserved for April 19, 2022.

4. Staff Comments

a. Upcoming Agenda Items

Staff was not present due to illness.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Vice Chair Kathy Young and City Planner Elena Piekut.