

GRISWOLD Recreation Commission

2/26/18 5:39 – 6:17pm

Youth Center Community Room

68 Ashland St, Jewett City, CT 06351

Members in attendance: Kristin Goodwin – acting chairperson

Ryan Aubin – Director

Sonja Murphy –acting secretary

Jacob Rhoades, Jay Ranier, Ricky Bevis

Absent members: Tina Luft, Darren Drobiak, Carol Mauro, Al Geer

Other notable attendees: Joshua George, Mike Minarski

NOTES

Motion to approve minutes from December 2017 as presented made by – Ricky Bevis. Second to approve December 2017 minutes as presented made by Jay Ranier. All in favor.

Old Business was not discussed.

New Business

- a. Hillfest presentation as made by M.Minarski points:
 1. Approx 3,000 people attended last year.
 2. Planned date of Hillfest 2018 is 5/26/18.
 3. Bands will start earlier, 11am.
 4. Vendors will be charged a flat fee, no Hillbucks.
 5. Hillfest will be the sole beverage distributor.
 6. Larger beer area, located closer to stage.
 7. Tickets for beer/wine.
 8. Increased security to stop coolers and smokers. 5-8 people on the perimeter.
 9. American Ambulance, FD, Young Marines, Fire Police, and State Police will attend.
 10. \$3M umbrella policy will be obtained, same as last year.
 11. Will end earlier, with a varied line-up and Red Light closing the musical acts.

J. Rhoades motioned to charge no fees for park use for Hillfest 2018, same as last year. S.Murphy seconded the motion.

b. Summer Camp Programming: R.Aubin states there will be 3 groups, 180 kids/day at the elementary school.

c. Sunflower Festival / Youthtopia event discussed. R.Aubin proposed a smaller event, with a simpler arrangement, with non-profit vendors, inflatables and a movie perhaps, with advertising through Griswold schools only. The reasoning was the administrative burden of a large event falling on the committee with much less availability from Mike Morton. The smaller event will be better managed by the available personnel.

d. Budget Hearing with the Board of Finance, Tuesday, March 27th at 7pm. RAubin recommends people to support not **reducing the budget for YFS?**