#### TOWN OF BERLIN

Parks and Recreation Commission 230 Kensington Road • Berlin, CT 06037

Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the Berlin Community Center. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with applicable Executive Orders by Governor Lamont, no one will be allowed to attend in person at this meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission invite the public to join the meeting by clicking on the following link or by phone. Please see the following information:

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### Meeting Agenda

- 1. Audience of Citizens
  - a. Alex Joslyn, CFC North, LLC
  - b. Hiral Patel, 266 Fairview Drive
  - c. Tom Arcari, QA&M
- 2. Approval of Minutes

March 11, 2021

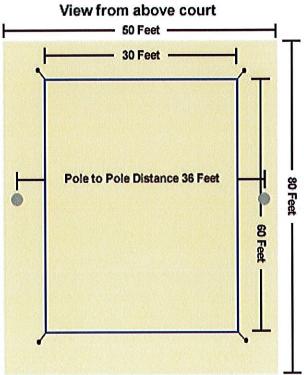
- 3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Request by Debra Tubbs of Rock and Roll Ice Cream for permission to sell ice cream, snacks and beverages from her ice cream truck at Percival Pool, Demore, Dinda, Bittner Jr. Memorial Pool, Sage Park (when concession is not in use), Little People's Playground and The Friendship Place at Willard School for 2021.
  - b. Request acceptance of a \$100 donation from the Mattabassett Rifle and Pistol Club towards the Parks and Recreation Youth Fishing Derbies to be held on Saturdays, April 17 and 24, 2021 from 8:00AM 10:00AM at Sage Park Pond.
  - c. Request by Alex Joslyn of CFC North, LLC to charge a registration fee of \$100 for the CFC North, LLC Youth Soccer Camp which will take place July 12 16, 2021 from 9:00AM 12:00PM at Sage Park Auxiliary.

- d. Request approval for Berlin Youth Football and Cheerleading to sell food and beverages at their home football games at Scalise Field, Sage Park for the 2021 season.
- 4. Parks & Grounds
  - a. Monthly Report
  - b. Sage 1 Update
  - c. Percival Soccer Field Update
  - d. State of CT Grant Update
  - e. Banners
- 5. Parks and Recreation
  - a. Monthly Report
  - b. Community/Senior Center Update
- 6. Adjournment

Request for a place to play volleyball, preferably a volleyball court at Sage Park.

We have a group of more than 25 families of Berlin and we are requesting a location to play volleyball, preferably a volleyball court at Sage Park. We think it will be great benefit to the Berlin community and an excellent addition to the Sage Park.

The recommended size for the volleyball court size is shown below.



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#### Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. VIRTUAL

#### Meeting Agenda

#### ATTENDANCE:

**Commissioners Present**: Donna Bovee - Chairwoman, Tony Butrimas, Don Dellaquila, Andrew Legnani, Dinesh Patel, Joe Pulcini (joined at 6:07 p.m.), Greg Starr

#### Staff Present:

Jen Ochoa, Director of Community, Recreation and Park Services Debbie Dennis, Superintendent of Recreation Steve Wood, Superintendent of Grounds

Chairwoman Bovee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 1. Audience of Citizens

#### a. Alex Joslyn of J&S Soccer Camps, LLC, 151 Dayl Drive

Alex Joslyn, J&S Soccer Camps, LLC – Mr. Joslyn stated that he and co-founder Sal Parafati propose to host a soccer camp (to be capped at 30 participants in the current circumstances) and asked that field rental fees to be waived. The camp would charge a fee, some of which would go toward the purchase of socks, pinnies, scorebooks, pinnies, cones and perhaps a new camera. He also stated that he planned to compensate two volunteer assistant coaches for their time (likely \$200 - \$300 each) and any remaining profit would be reinvested into their business and/or the school soccer program. The LLC is not allowed to partner with BHS and charge a fee.

<u>Sal Parafati</u>, J&S Soccer Camps, LLC – Mr. Parafati stated that both he and Mr. Joslyn grew up in Berlin and are raising families in Town. They want to host the camps in Berlin and ask for a waiver of fees as a courtesy as they get their venture off the ground. He clarified that the LLC was established for personal protection and liability reasons and although the LLC is a "for-profit" organization, he does not estimate it being profitable in the near future.

(Commissioner Pulcini joined at this point.)

Chairwoman Bovee asked why the program is being taken over by an LLC when it was previously run by the Boosters as a fundraiser. She noted that per the fee schedule adopted by Town Council, Berlin charges fee rentals for any "for-profit" organizations and the Parks

& Recreation Commission has been charging other similar businesses for field rental. She suggested that they look into forming a non-profit entity if the venture is intended to donate profits to the school sports program / boosters.

#### b. John Paul Demko, 138 Wildermere Road and Max Delorenzo, 28 Pebble Brook Court

Mr. Demko stated he and Mr. Delorenzo propose to run a football camp for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They operate a "for-profit" entity and will charge registration fees which will be used to pay for field rental, t-shirts, insurance coverage, coaches' pay and profit.

#### c. Matthew Ross - Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Ross proposes to improve Sage Park Pavilion as his Eagle Scout project. He suggested building a permanent brick cooking structure (that would house wells for hot coals and possibly top grates) in the uncovered corner of the pavilion, as well as building two wooden tables beneath the covered pavilion. Mr. Ross proposes to use pressure treated lumber for the tables and estimates the total project value at \$3,050 (\* 11' x 4' x 1'2" cooking structure: \$2,550. \* 14' x 2' x4' wooden table: \$ 325. \* 8' x 2' x 4' wooden table: 225.) which he will begin soliciting donations for once the project is approved.

The Commission thanked Mr. Ross for his presentation. If the project is approved by the Commission, Mr. Ross will need to coordinate with the Health Inspector for any sanitary requirements (i.e.: plastic / stainless tabletop surfaces).

#### d. Patty Burgio and Danielle Poulin - BHS Boosters

Ms. Burgio, Ms. Poulin and Commissioner Butrimas (acting as a Softball Boosters representative) requested permission to hang banners at the Sage 1 softball field. Additionally, they request permission to renew four banners on Scalise Field.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

February 11, 2021

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes as they stand.

Seconded by Commissioner Butrimas.

The Commission noted that the discussion with Field Users regarding the Town's cost to maintain the fields needed clarification. The cost of \$400,000 provided to Field Users does include direct salary costs of employees mowing, lining and grooming the fields, but does NOT include fringes or indirect costs (such as the department Superintendent or other administrative salary / fringe benefit costs).

Vote being 0-7. (MOTION DEFEATED.)

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes as amended to state:

- Berlin spends about \$400,000(\*) each year to maintain the fields throughout Town. The costs include:
  - o \$80,000 electricity
  - o \$ 34,000 water
  - o \$ 32,000 chemicals
  - o \$164,000 mowing
  - o \$ 75,000 baseball / softball lining and grooming
  - o \$11,000 soccer, lacrosse, football lining and grooming

(\*) This figure includes salary of Grounds staff who mow, line and groom the fields, but it does <u>not</u> include their fringes or indirect costs (such as the Department Superintendent administrative salary / fringe benefits).

Seconded by Commissioner Legnani.

Vote being: 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

#### 3. Consent Agenda

- a. Request by Berlin Little League to be able to sell food, beverages, ice cream, candy and merchandise (magnets and water bottles) for the 2021 baseball season at the following locations: Petit Fields, Garrity and Pulcini, Dennehy and Centurelli Fields.
- b. Request by Alex Joslyn of J&S Soccer Camps, LLC to charge a registration fee of \$100 for the J&S Youth Soccer Camp which will take place June 21 June 25, 2021 from 4:45PM 6:45PM at Scalise Field. The camp will have approximately 25 children.
- c. Request by Alex Joslyn of J&S Soccer Camps, LLC to have field fees of \$1,050 waived for the J&S Youth Soccer Camp which will take place June 21 25, 2021 from 4:45PM 6:45PM at Scalise Field.
- d. Request by John Paul Demko and Max Delorenzo of P&Q Enterprises LLC to charge a registration fee of \$150 \$250 for the Youth Football Skills and Drills Camp taking place on the following dates: June 27, 29 and 30 and July 27, 28 and 29, 2021. The camp will run from 5:30PM 8:30PM for approximately 65 children at Scalise Field.
- e. Request approval for the Berlin High School Boosters Association to hang presented banners during the Spring 2021 season.
- f. Request by Saint Paul School to have field usage fees, not to exceed an amount of \$660 waived for the school soccer team practices at BHS Soccer West Field and Willard Soccer Field for a number of dates in April, May and June.

- g. Request acceptance of a \$500 donation from Cambridge Specialty Co. Inc and a \$50 donation from Kensington Garden Club Inc. towards the Parks and Recreation Youth Fishing Derbies to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 and April 24, 2021 at Sage Park Pond from 8:00AM 10:00AM.
- h. Request approval and acceptance of Eagle Scout Project of improvements to be made at the Sage Park Pavilion by Matthew Ross. Work is estimated to cost \$3,050.
- i. Request approval of revised Community/Senior Center Parks and Recreation Commission Statement of Need to include information pertaining to a diving well.

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve item 3a of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Pulcini.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve item 3b of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Butrimas.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve item 3c of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Starr.

Discussion of the request included:

- The current field rental rates, which apply to for-profit groups.
- Whether the Commission should / could consider a written commitment from J&S Soccer Camps, LLC stating the group intends to donate any proceeds to the BHS soccer program.
- How to confirm adherence to the written commitment (if approved / applicable).
- Mr. Joslyn and Mr. Parafati have helped Berlin youth athletes and have good intentions in organizing the summer soccer camp.
- The Commission has already denied other for-profit organization's requests to waive field rental fees.
- Even if J&S Soccer Camps, LLC is not "profitable" this year, waiving of fees for a "for-profit" organization might set a precedent for other groups seeking an exception in the future.

Those voting in favor: Commissioner Dellaquila

#### 2021-03-11 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Those voting against: Chairwoman Bovee, Commissioner Butrimas, Commissioner Legnani, Commissioner Patel, Commissioner Pulcini, Commissioner Starr

Vote being 1-6. (MOTION DEFEATED.)

\* Chairwoman Bovee noted that if Mr. Joslyn and Mr. Parafati are able to partner with a local youth group (i.e.: Berlin Youth Soccer) or form a non-profit entity to run the camp, she would be willing to schedule a special meeting in order to consider another request to waive field use fees. (A request that is approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission still needs to be presented to Town Council for consideration and approval prior to the group opening registration.)

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve item 3d of the Consent Agenda, with a change to the camp dates to June 28, 2021 – July 1, 2021 from 4:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Starr.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Commissioner Starr moved to approve item 3e of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Legnani.

Vote being 6-0-1. (MOTION CARRIED.) Commissioner Butrimas abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Starr moved to approve item 3f of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Butrimas.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Commissioner Dellaquila moved to approve item 3g of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Patel.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Commissioner Legnani moved to approve item 3h of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Butrimas.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Commissioner Patel moved to approve item 3i of the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Dellaquila.

The group noted that the previous Athletic Director left the diving well out of the original Statement of Need and it is a requirement.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

#### 4. Parks & Grounds

- a. Monthly Report see attached. Superintendent Wood noted that Berlin schools have been using adjacent playing fields as outdoor classroom / recreation space, which limits the Grounds staff's access to line the fields. Staff will try to line the fields after school is released on weekdays whenever possible. Mr. Wood reported that the side parking lot at Willard Elementary has similarly been closed off for use by the classes. The Willard Soccer field has been fenced off using orange temporary fencing, but the adjacent grass field closest to the street has been used as overflow parking by parents at Willard causing damage to the turf.
- b. Sage 1 Update The Contractors are waiting for spring to address the remaining punch list items. A ribbon cutting will be held when the field is open for play. Two portable restrooms will be on site from April 1, 2021 June 30, 2021 (at a significantly higher cost than prior years due to the CDC's increased cleaning requirements). Also, Grounds will begin working on a gravel walkway / pathway out of the two sheds.
- c. Percival Soccer Field Update Bids are due back at end of March, and interviews are scheduled for March 29, 2021. Three companies participated in the March 10, 2021 non-mandatory meeting.
- d. State of CT Grant Update Chairwoman Bovee reported that Former Connecticut House Speaker Aresimowicz secured a \$2,800,000 grant for Berlin, which detailed the intentions of installing artificial turf at Biscoglio Field, constructing a building to include a bathroom at Sage 1 softball field, redesigning the entrance road and purchase / installation of a digital scoreboard. A group consisting of Town and Board of Education staff, a member of Town Council, Public Building Commission and Board of Education as well as Chairwoman Bovee met to review the original intended projects and finalize the grant. Included in the discussion:
  - 1. Artificial turf at Biscoglio Field (inside of the BHS track) was originally estimated to cost \$1,700,000. In addition to the cost of the field renovation, additional equipment will be needed to support and maintain the turf field. That project was adjusted to \$2,000,000 and is included in the grant.
  - 2. Building a structure with two restrooms and a plumbed concession area at Sage 1 softball field was originally estimated at \$510,000. A design document would be needed to further research whether the project is feasible at that location, and the group decided that the Town could put those funds to better use elsewhere at this time. This project was eliminated from the grant.

- Town Manager Jayawickrema will research whether sale of dry goods / prepackaged items requires Health Director involvement / approvals.
- 3. Redesign of entrance road was initally proposed in order to utilize the fields that are currently used for overflow parking, and the grant allocated \$330,000 for this. With the renovation of Biscoglio Field, the need for additional new fields has abated. Additionally, it is estimated that redesign of the entrance road would cost \$1,000,000 \$2,000,000, so this project has been eliminated from the grant.
- 4. Scalise scoreboard The grant originally allocated \$200,000 for this project, but the actual cost is ~\$350,000 and it is included in the grant at that increased cost. The Town Manager and School Superintendent agreed that "Phase I" of the scoreboard would encompass getting the scoreboard installed and operational. Phase II (to occur during its second full year) will involve selling advertising on the scoreboard which may offset any incremental costs.
- 5. There is approximately \$400,000 remaining in the grant, which the group decided would be used to upgrade the lights at the fields at Sage Park to LED. Assuming these projects are approved by the State, should excess funds be available, the excess may be put towards addressing the crumbling parking lot. Any additional use would require State approval.

#### 5. Parks and Recreation

- a. Monthly Report see attached. Superintendent Dennis noted that a reduction in available lifeguards may impact Berlin's ability to open both pools this summer, or if both pools open they may operate with reduced hours. The State has not yet released a clear directive for public pools. Superintendent Dennis also noted that she is working toward reopening the Community Center in April under strict adherence to safety guidelines.
- **b.** Community/Senior Center Update Will revise statement of need to include the diving well. The design firm is still working toward scheduling public forums.

#### 6. Adjournment

Commissioner Starr moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Legnani.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED.)

Submitted by,

Dana Borges



# Parks and Grounds February report

#### News:

- o Additional use of Town fields
- o Snow fence at Willard

#### **Daily**

- o Check town properties for ice
- o Check ponds for ice

#### Weekly

o Garbage

## **Miscellaneous**

- o Built new benches for Garrity and Pulcini
- Plow and shovel snow
- o Service equipment
- o Repair broken tables and benches
- o Build new tables and benches
- Assisted food pantry
- o Cleaned dugouts
- o Wash, clean, wax and grease trucks

## Recreation March monthly report

- 1. Interviews, for summer positions, should be completed by the end of March. There are positions available for the pools and the Summer Fun program. We have received 6 applications for lifeguards, 5 for pool attendants, 2 for Summer Fun Assistant Directors and 8 for Summer Fun supervisors. None of the lifeguard applicants have WSI. I will keep advertising for Summer Fun Supervisors and all Aquatic positions to try and get more applications. If we don't get more WSI's we will have to cut back on lessons and only offer morning lessons at one pool. If we don't get more lifeguard applications, we may only be able to open one pool or both with reduced hours.
- 2. The Central Connecticut Health District has continued to recommend that the Community Center remain closed, since the Town is still at the red alert level. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope to be open, only at night, for groups to use the meeting rooms, after Easter (April 4).
- 3. The Easter Drive-thru event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 starting at 1 p.m. Registration has been good with 55 kids registered so far.
- 4. Fishing Derbies will be held April 17 and 24 at Sage Park Pond from 8-10 a.m. each Saturday. Registration for the derbies will start March 15.
- 5. Skyhawks and Modeling and Fashion camp have already been advertised for summer camps and Skyhawks has received several registrations already. People can also register on-line only through our WebTrac program.
- 6. I am holding off on spring dance and painting classes, until we have a definite date that the Community Center will re-open. Once we have an idea we will decide if there is enough time to try and hold classes.



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Steven T. Wood Superintendent Parks and Grounds

Parks and Grounds March report

# News:

- Scalise lights
- o Litter BHS
- o Transplanted 4000 annual flowers

#### **Daily**

- O Check town properties for ice
- Groom Fields

#### Weekly

- o Garbage
- o Paint athletic fields

#### Miscellaneous

- Prep flower beds
- Put up soccer and tennis nets
- Put up windscreens
- o Gravel pathway Sage 1



# TOWN OF BERLIN, CONNECTICUT BANNER/SIGN POLICY

This policy, in conjunction with Town Ordinance Chapter XIII, Part B, Section 13-22, Number 3 addresses the requirements applicable to any banner or sign hung or posted within the Town's parks and fields, excluding Town or state signs. "Within the Town's parks and fields" includes the interior and exterior of all building structures, trees and fences at Town parks/fields.

# $\underline{SECTION\ I-TOWN\ PARKS}\ (excluding\ sports\ playing\ fields\ and\ lands\ that\ fall\ under\ Conservation\ Commission\ jurisdiction)$

# A. Park/building/pavilion rentals

a. If a park or building structure within a Town park is rented, any temporary banner or sign description or photo must be presented with the rental application for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Such banners or signage may include those for showers, birthdays and other celebratory occasions. None shall include any profanity or be offensive as defined by community standards. All such banners or signage are temporary and must be removed before the end of the rental period. The Parks and Recreation Department will request approval by the Planning and Zoning Department, subsequent to the Parks and Recreation Commission approval. The Town of Berlin is not responsible for any damage to or theft of banners or signs.

# $\underline{SECTION~II-PLAYING~FIELDS}~(including~the~interior/exterior~of~building~structures~within~the~sports~field)$

- A. All banners or signs on any playing fields are temporary and can only be hung or posted during their respective season and must be removed at the end of the season. No banner or signs are to be permanent in nature, except those that are posted and/or required by the Town of Berlin or State of Connecticut, and those comprised of metal or wood material hung on the backstop fence, dugouts or buildings as a memorial sign, league championships, etc. The Parks and Recreation Commission must approve all banners and signs, except those discussed in B below.
- B. Signage permitted for only the day of a game or practice and do not require the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission:
  - a. Senior Day or a similar one-day event such as playoffs signage is permitted, but only for that day/game. All such signage must be removed at the end of the game.
  - b. Banners, signs or posters affixed to the interior or exterior of a building structure within the Town's playing fields are permitted, but must be removed after each game and/or practice. Concession stand signage can remain posted for the season once approved through this policy.
- C. Funds collected and payments made for such signage are to be the responsibility of the requesting group, team or sports organization. Any damage to Town property (fencing, etc.) is the responsibility of the requesting group, team or sports organization hanging the signs. The Town of Berlin is not responsible for any damage to or theft of banners or signs.

- D. Banners and signs must be posted, secured or tied to fencing with zip ties in a manner that prevents any wind, etc. from causing such banner or sign to become loose or flapping.
- E. All banners or signs must face inside the field, including those on the exterior of a building structure, except those metal or wood signs facing the outside of the field discussed in Section IIA. Banners or signs are for the benefit of those attending the game and not for the outside public or surrounding neighbors.
- F. Banners and signs are to support the teams playing on the field, to provide school or a sports organization spirit, or provide advertising for area companies. They should be a reflection of good sportsmanship and not be offensive based on community standards.
- G. After the Parks and Recreation Commission approves all banners and signs, the Parks and Recreation Department must present such information to the Planning and Zoning Department to obtain their approval. The Parks and Recreation Department will do so on behalf of the requesting group.
- H. Information required to be presented or provided to the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the start of the season:
  - a. Deadlines (to ensure all approvals received for the start of the season):
    - i. Each team or sports organization must provide the Parks and Recreation Department with the information identified in Section Hb below, by the dates noted (same dates as the Field/Facility Use Policy) effective January 1, 2021. For the Fall 2020 sports season, the deadline to provide the information is one week prior to the Commission's August 2020 meeting, at which, the Parks and Recreation Commission will act on the submissions.
      - 1. Spring and Summer Sports Season March 1 (to be acted on by the Parks and Recreation Commission in its March meeting)
      - 2. Fall Sports Season July 1 (to be acted on by the Parks and Recreation Commission in its July meeting)
      - 3. Any other banner or signage information required can be submitted during the year, but due to Commission meeting dates, such required action may not be in time for the posting and may be denied.
      - 4. Each team or sports organization must have a representative present at the Parks and Recreation Commission's 2020 August meeting (2020 fall season) and for all future years, July (fall season) and March (spring and summer season), to ensure fairness in the banner or signage space within the field. If no representation, it is assumed the team or the sport organization does not wish to hang banners or signage during their season. For Berlin High School (BHS), it is strongly suggested that the Athletic Director and BHS Boosters work with the teams' representatives to come to a location agreement for those teams that share a field in season, prior to presenting at a Commission meeting. It is recognized by all that a non-sports organization may have a request for temporary signage that may be approved during the year.
  - b. Information required to be submitted by the requesting group, team and/or sports organization:
    - i. General description of the banners and signs (colors, size, content, etc.);
    - ii. General area banners or signs will be posted;
    - iii. Material to be used to hang or post the banner or sign (rope, zip ties, nails, etc.);
    - iv. Contact information of person responsible if issues or questions;

- v. Confirmation that coordination with the other requesting groups, teams or sports organizations using the field during the same season have agreed to the location of the banner or sign.
- I. The Parks and Recreation Department has full authority to work with the requesting group, team or sports organization to ensure safety, sportsmanship, damage protection, etc.
- J. Should a team or league violate the policy, the team or league's privileges to hang such banners or signs will be revoked for a period to be determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- K. The Town of Berlin shall retain full authority to remove or require the removal of any banner or sign if the Town, in its sole discretion, determines that such removal is in the best interest of the Town.

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Superintendent of Recreation

# Town of Berlin Parks and Recreation Department

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# April monthly report

1. Most interviews for summer positions have been completed and new staff have started to be called to fill open positions. Waiting on a few people to complete the Lifeguarding class before they can be interviewed.

We did not receive any applications for Lifeguards with WSI so the schedule will be greatly reduced as we currently only have 4 instructors.

2. The Easter Drive-Thru event went very well. We had 145 kids register and 128 of those participated. We also had 8 kids participate, who did not register. People were happy with the event, despite the fact that there was a wait to see the Easter Bunny. Those who did not show were notified that they could stop by the office to pick up a goodie bag, most did.

We are registering for the fishing derbies already with a decent amount registered so far. The first derby, for 3-7 year olds will be April 17 and the second for 8-15 year olds will be April 24. Both derbies will be from 8-10 a.m.

- 3. Registration has been going very well for summer Skyhawks camps.
- 4. We had a meeting with Arosha and Doug Solek concerning the summer, what we planned on offering and making sure Doug could accommodate our programs, as far as cleaning protocols go.

We are on track to offer the Summer Fun program at two sites, with reduced numbers at each. Registration will most likely happen the end of April/beginning of May. There will be no field trips and no swimming. We will have the Ice Cream Emergency Truck come each week and have pizza for lunch one day each week.

We are planning to open both pools but due to the reduced numbers of lifeguards that we have, we will not open the wading pool at Demore, Dinda, Bittner Jr. Memorial Pool and may need to reduce hours or close one pool one or two days per week. Swim Team is still up in the air. If we do offer it, that will affect daily hours even more.

Debbie