



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE:

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

MEETING PLACE:

Hybrid – Town Campus Room A
and Zoom

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
ARP Funding Advisory Committee
Minutes

Members Present: Bob Reinhardt, Chair, John Brady, Al Goldberg, Noreen Kokoruda (via Zoom), Justin Murphy (Via Zoom), Emily Rosenthal, Katie Stein

Staff Present: Stacy Nobitz, Kristen Bartosic, Lauren Rhines, Gail Dahling-Hench, Scott Cochran

The committee convened at approximately 6:04 p.m.

1. Public Comment.
None.
2. Approve prior Meeting Minutes.

On a Motion by John Brady and second by Emily Rosenthal, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of May 19, 2022.

3. Review requested projects:
 - a. Ropes Course

Assistant Superintendent Gail Dahling-Hench was in attendance to provide an overview of the request. The Committee and the Assistant Superintendent reviewed many aspects of the potential project and funding needs including the increased liability exposure and potential costs associated with premiums, maintenance, repairs, etc. Risk Manage Lauren Rhines provided an overview of the potential changes to the Town's liability if the course is open to the public or outside groups and, if the Town were to charge a usage fee. In general, the Town should ensure that it follows the Association for Challenge Course Technologies standards; and if the Town does not want to see an increase in premium or liability, the program should be set up with careful parameters for use by the school system and select other Town-affiliated groups.

The Committee summarized that there were questions that needed to be answered in order to move the request forward, including:

1. Is Bauer interested in installing a ropes course at this location?
2. Should the Town Consider installation at a school location?
3. Will Beach & Rec absorb future costs / needs?
4. Should the Town have a consultant conduct site assessments for viable locations?
5. What will be the potential insurance premium increases if we charge / open to the course to the public?

b. Parent Support Counselor

Youth and Family Services Director Scott Cochran stated that this is a position that fits well with the ideas behind the Parents as Teachers Program. It is not a full-time position and will not result in benefits costs. A program like this is much more stable than a full-time permanent position.

c. Parents as Teachers Program

Assistant Superintendent Gail Dahling-Hench was in attendance to provide an overview of the request. She also confirmed that the cost is \$91,000 per year.

4. Review PowerPoint Presentation for Public Information Session.
The Committee did not review the presentation.
5. Public Comment.
None.
6. There being no objections, the Committee adjourned at 6:59 p.m. to the Public Information Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Rhines
Town Coordinator / Risk Manager