

Board of Recreation minutes
February 12th 2014

Call to order: Jim DiVita @ 7:00 pm

Members in attendance- Jim DiVita, Tim Wheeler, Brian Shaughnessy ,Diane Ransom, , Kurt Root ,Kurt Williams, Lou Fracasso, George Mills

Director Tricia Twomey,

Absent: Ray Rabago

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Approval of January 8th 2014 minutes

Motion to accept by Diane Ransom, Seconded Tim Wheeler: Vote: 7 favor 1 abstention

Public comment-

Lisa Smith... Recommendation for support of AAU Baseball and Wrestling Program Proposals

Rob Ohely North West YMCA sponsored AAU age 13/14 baseball. Program proposal form included in board members document package. Looking to form a AAU team and possible use of Walker field for both a Spring (April-May) and Summer (June-August) session. Games would be played on Saturday and Sunday in double header format. Players would consist of Torrington, Canaan, Winsted area. Team formation would be determined by open try out format. Estimated cost per player @ \$350 with additional fundraising required to cover team operating costs. Tricia gave overview of Walker field usage based on last year teams and schedules. Appears that Spring session could be viable since only Gilbert utilizes Walker but Summer session may be difficult to accommodate needs. Board requested that Rob come to the March meeting with a follow up on his program and also reach out to Reg #7, N.H Browns Corner and Barkhamsted for field usage also.

Derek Schibi... Youth Wrestling Program. Currently have 40 kids age range 1st-8th grade participating in a USA sanctioned club. Have been utilizing Reg 7 facility but time is becoming more difficult to obtain and schedule is in flux. Looking to bring program to Winsted facility for 3 nights per week Nov thru March time period. Derek indicated that group carries own insurance and provides own wrestling mats. Tricia indicated that Pearson Café is open M,T,Th and Green building T,Th,Fri after 6:00pm. Tricia to get Derek a facility/program usage form to fill out.

Joe Lesiniak..Durham Ct... Northeast Watercraft Alliance : Jet Ski Racing. Program proposal included in board members document package. Gave overview of Region 8 racing which includes surrounding states. Looking for support from Rec Department to proceed with organizing a race this year at Highland lake , Holland beach and Parking Lot . Event target date would be May 31 – June 1 2014. Course with buoys would be set up on a Friday and races occur on Saturday /Sunday. Typically 6-8 different classes with approx. 60-90 skiers. Watercraft carries own insurance and would be responsible for obtaining necessary permits from State for use of the Lake. Promoted as family friendly event.

Motion to accept program made by Diane Ransom , Seconded by Brian Shaughnessy Vote : Unanimous

Tricia will reach out as a courtesy to Highland Lake Watershed Assoc. to inform them of this program.

Agenda Review:- No additions/deletions

Chairman's report- Jim DiVita

- No further information on YMCA/Rec Director merger from Town Manager original discussion at November meeting. Board has discussed info presented in November over the last 3 meetings.

Motion below by Brian Shaughnessy, Seconded by George Mills : Vote : Unanimous

After monthly reviews the Winsted Park and Recreation board strongly suggests that it maintain its present mission of supporting the community of Winsted as the responsible organization and not to merge with the Winsted Northwest YMCA based on information proposed at the November 2013 Recreation meeting by Town Manager and Jay Cohen of Northwest YMCA .

- With Tricia leaving Board members will most likely need to fill in to address operations until either interim or replacement Director is appointed. At this time most critical item will be field scheduling for the upcoming Spring season. Tricia will hand off Master schedule along with a How and What to Do list to Jim DiVita. Will be looking for volunteers to help bridge the gap. Kurt W and Kurt R can support maintaining Master Field scheduling if needed.
- Jim discussed the need for a sub committee to assist as needed in interview process as directed by Civil Service. Brian Shaughnessy to talk to Civil Service to understand process and how/when Rec Board can be engaged. Cmte members interested were Kurt Williams , Tim Wheeler , George Mills and Brian. Brian Shaughnessy

Director's report- Tricia Twomey: Highlights from Directors report

- A. 2013-2014 Budget. Detail summary sheets included in board members document package. Proposed 2014-2015 budget handed into Town Manager was reviewed by Board.
- B. Facilities Update: New dark blue VCT floor at Green Building is fully installed. There has been some heating issues at building as of late. Issue raised by Tim Wheeler pertaining to tree limb inspection discussed. Tricia indicated that trees in park will be looked at by Public Works Director who is also the Towns Tree Warden.
- C. Spring Schedule: Currently all fields, skatepark and beaches closed. Tricia will attempt to draft out Spring Schedule prior to departure. Beaches will need more sand this year.
- D. Recreation Department Website: Site has been updated. Any additional or new information should be directed to Mark Douglass who will add to site.

Program Updates:

Youth Baseball: Kurt Williams :WYL Board meeting held 1/28 and Tritown meeting held 1/29. Registration dates set for Saturdays in Feb at Pearson school to coincide with Rec basketball time slot. Appears that Torrington baseball league is advertising on their website that they are accepting registrations from Winsted youths. WYL did submit email to Torrington requesting that

they remove that from their website and they should have had the courtesy to discuss this with Winsted group first .

Youth Basketball: Rec Basketball program is run by Brandon Fields: Tricia reported : No issues and program is a great success so far. Brandon will be looking for April 5th to have a tournament involving other towns.. Brandon will also need assistance in closing Pizza party for his program later in March.

Travel Basket Ball: Boys & Girls Northwest League running along with no issues. Regular season will end late Feb and playoffs to start early March.

Mens Basketball: Darrin Ransom will be coordinating league this year. Everything running well to date.

Diane Ransom presented Team Registration checks and cash.

Checks and cash amounts were verified by Tim Wheeler and Kurt Williams in presence of all board members and then presented to Tricia.

Checks : (1) @ \$200 and (1) @ \$ 550

Cash: \$422

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Adjourn @ 9:30pm pm ; Motion by Tim Wheeler , Second Diane Ransom : Vote : Unanimous

Next Meeting March 5th 2014 @ 7:00pm Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt D Williams

Recreation Board Secretary

The Above Minutes Have Not Been Approved
By The Recreation Board. Approval
Date Will Be Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.