

Board of Recreation minutes
August 7th 2013

Call to order: Jim DiVita @ 7:05 pm

Members in attendance- Kurt Williams, Lois Clough , Jim DiVita, George Mills, Tim Wheeler, Brian Shaughnessy ,

Director Tricia Twomey

Absent: Kurt Root ,Diane Ransom, Lou Fracasso

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Approval of July 10th 2013 minutes

Motion to accept by George Mills, Seconded Tim Wheeler: Vote: Unanimous

Public comment- George Mills . Did \$100 donation check destined for Relay Race make it to appropriate account? Lois indicated it did.

Agenda Review:-

New Business

Brian Shaughnessy... Fall Foliage " Chalk Walk"

Brian Shaughnessy...Halloween Planning

Brian Shaughnessy...Picnic tables @ Parks

George Mills ..ECD recommendation

Tim Wheeler ... Men's Softball discussion under Programs updates

Old Business

Brian Shaughnessy... Rec Transformation

Kurt Williams ...Skate Park under Directors report "G"

Chairman's report- Jim DiVita

Stopped by after Skatepark opening and met with Mr. Petersen from Rampage . Some minor follow up items on equipment repair along with repair of asphalt still need to be addressed. Town will do some paving where old equipment once located.

Rest room construction progressing well. Foundation work nearly completed. Install of modular building will occur before end of August

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

- A. 2013-2014 Budget. Detail summary sheets included board members package. Currently @ 22% spent. Note that \$7200 for Skate Park repair comes out of equipment repair line item. Recreation accounts as of 8/7/13 total \$36,492. Still some remaining bills that need to be paid from last year budget.
- B. Summer Schedule/Program :
 - All staff evaluations completed for both camp and life guards. More direct feedback in specific areas for improvement given this year.
 - Yoga, Gymnastics and Baby sitting classes all cancelled due to low enrollment
 - Summer Camp policy for special needs children will need to be reviewed. One child with hearing and sight impairment required attention from staff members this year. Tricia reaching out to other communities for input on policy. This will be an area for review and improvement before camp starts next year.
- C. Playground Fundraiser. Meeting held with members Tracy and Melanie .Plan will be to push for any available grant money and to have a Back to School event on Sept 7th. Target 4:00pm at Gaylord Tiffiany with cook out or vendor and kid activities. Hopefully have Fire Spinners available for event. Rain date Sept 8th
- D. Highland Lake Relay: Organizational meeting 6:30pm 8/13 @ Green Building . To date only 1 registration turned in for 8/17 event. Tricia to move forward and determine if event will go on as planned or look to cancel.
- E. Rest Rooms: Project moving along and on target to stay within \$125,000 budget.
- F. New Dug outs: 30 % given to Cape Cod fence to order necessary materials. Work to hopefully start by end of August. Additional money to complete fencing given by Gaylord Tiffiany Trust. Ytd approx. \$15,000 given to Recreation activities. Tricia tracking and will submit in Nov/December time period to Gaylord Tiffiany for reimbursement.
- G. Skate board Opening: Work has been completed for repair of ramps etc.. There are still a few minor items that require attention along with some patching/paving of asphalted area. Tricia is getting new signs quoted not only for skate park but also other fields and beaches.

Kurt Williams discussed the possibility for better security of area through gate installation at lower portion of driveway. Upper parking lot area could be restricted at night by gate installation.

Program Updates:

Baseball: Kurt Williams

Babe Ruth Minor and Major teams have just completed playoffs.

Minor team regular finished season 2-12. Team really became competitive over the last 5 games of the season and lost to Terryville in playoffs 9-8.

Major team finished 5-8 during regular season and went two games into the playoffs before losing to Litchfield.

Travel Little League: Team coached by Todd Kneas finished second in the Barkhamsted tournament losing to West Hartford team. Participated in West Hartford tournament and eliminated before playoff rounds.

Connie Mack has finished first in league and Playoffs are in progress.

Soccer: Lois Clough

Registration numbers are low to date. Looking toward online registrations to bolster overall numbers. Kick off activities scheduled for 8/24

Mens Softball :

Regular season has just ended and playoff schedule to be determined shortly. Tim Wheeler expressed concern over playoff seeding especially if all make up games are not completed. Tricia to follow up with Kurt Root and will report back to board members

Sr Olympics : Brian Shaughnessy

Detailed handout of Golden Games included in board members package for review and discussion. 9/16 -9/21 proposed time frame. Opening ceremony will be at Knights of Columbus 9/16 10:00am.

Hub for registration will be the Sr. Center. Brian submitted to Tricia at meeting \$ 100 from sponsors/donations (\$80 cash, (2) \$10 checks) .

Brian will be looking for help on Thursday and Saturday of event.

New Business:

George Mills: ...EDC type recommendation that perhaps with new businesses we should invite them to attend some of our activities throughout the year.

Brian Shaughnessy... Look at possibility of placing picnic benches at our local parks especially at East End Park.

Brian Shaughnessy... Halloween activities to be discussed at later meeting .

Brian Shaughnessy... Chalk Walk.. Possibility of creating a Chalk walk competition during first week of October. Similar to store front window painting format.

Old Business:

Brian Shaughnessy: Rec Transformation. Brian would like to have list of properties/facilities that Rec Department has direct responsibilities for. Tricia will provide listing to Brian.

One currently resides in our policy and by law documents.

Election for officers :

Proposal by Kurt Williams to postpone elections to September meeting since 3 board members missing at August meeting. Board members present were in agreement.

Adjournment

Adjourn @8:58 pm ; Motion by Kurt Williams , Second Tim Wheeler : Vote : Unanimous

Next Meeting September 4th 2013 @ 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.