

Board of Recreation minutes
November 5th 2014

Call to order: Jim DiVita @ 7:02 pm

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

Rec Director Tanya Risucci

Absent: Ray Rabago

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Approval of October 1st 2014 minutes

Motion to accept 10/1/14 meeting minutes by Kurt Williams, Seconded: George Mills :Vote: 7 favor, 1 Abstain.....Minutes Accepted as presented.

Public comment-

Chris Perusse : Representing Winsted Whalers U-8 Baseball Group. Gave overview of recently formed group which is part of a 40-60 league which is looking for use of most likely Back Rowley fields starting Mid May either on late Saturday or Sunday for games. Group is independently funded affiliated with greater Waterbury League and will consist solely of approx. 13 Winsted youths. At this time group is looking for approx. 12 home games out of a 20-25 game schedule.

Chris is requesting the use of Ryan field area on November 29th for a wiffle ball fund raising tournament. Field usage fee of \$125 for both wiffle ball tournament and spring league was discussed.

Chris will work with Tanya regarding field usage forms and payment for both endeavors.

Paul Haynes : Sales and Marketing Representative for Northwest Sporting Goods of Winsted presented board with literature and detail proposal for Introductory and Advanced Indoor Archery Classes. Paul has been offering 6 week session to several recreation departments in the Northwest Corner. Introductory Ages 8-12 and Advanced Ages 10-18. Each class is approx. 1 ½ hours long and consists of both classroom and shooting range instruction. Paul is looking for Boards support to carry the class and advertise through the Rec department. Payment will go through Rec department to NW Sporting.

Tanya will work with Paul next month to develop program framework and report back to Board

Agenda Review:-

New Business...George Mills... Community Relations

Directors Report... Director Tanya Risucci...Misc Items

Chairman's report

Review of 10/25/14 memo to Town Manager, Selectmen and Public Works regarding removal of fence at Willow St parking lot included in board document package. Town Manager will forward to Selectmen and Public Works

Green Building locks will be changed in the next few weeks .

There may be a possibility of excess STEAP Grant dollars available from existing project(s) that could be used for repair of lights on Dodge Field

Directors report - Tanya Risucci

Fall Festival Event

- Due to inclement weather Rec booth was open from 10- 12:00 .
- Thanks to the Karate class who stopped down and participated.

Halloween on Main St-

- Great turn out . 80 kids involved in actual costume judging. Approx 125 total stopped in for candy.
- 4 category winners were chosen.

Softball Pitching

- Kate Donovan is a go for Saturday lessons utilizing Green Building. Agreed to hold clinic in spring for Girls

EDC Request East End Park usage

- EDC is requesting usage of East End Park on 11/29 from 9-3pm for a Small Business Vendor Fair.

Motion by Jim DiVita to accept EDC event seconded by Tim Wheeler : Vote 7 favor 1 abstain
:Motion passes

Winsted Monopoly Game .

- Tanya received an inquiry from True Value Hardware regarding status of game which they donated dollars towards in 2012. Kurt Williams will check meeting minutes of 2012 for more detail to give Tanya.
- May need to follow up with previous Rec Director Tricia to get more details.

BasketBall Competition

- NBA pass/dribble/shoot competition to be co- sponsored between Winsted Rec and Torrington PAL
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- Flyers to go out to schools asap.
- Dec 13th 1-4 pm at Pearson. School is the targeted date

Santa on Main St.

- Friends of Main St December 6th
- Photos with Santa , Tree Lighting
- Reviewed concerns with photo supplies and printers experienced last year.
- Tanya to communicate out more details as they become available.
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Aerobics @ Senior Center

- Monday classes are not raising enough money to sustain class. Currently losing money.
- Meeting will be held 11/10 to recommend an increase from \$3 to \$5 to ensure that at least Rec Department breaks even.

Program Updates:

Youth Baseball: Kurt Williams :

- Financial and season end report will be presented at December meeting

Mens Softball: Kurt Root

- Fall League is completed
- One team still owes money

Youth Soccer:

- Season will be done 11/15
- Kevin Crowley is replacing Nicole Root as President at years end.
- George Mills will be Rec Board Liaison to soccer group.

New Business:

George Mills- Community Relations....Interested in getting a Town Choir formed. Recommend that George put info out on Cable 13.

Old Business:

Field Skinning.. Girls softball Front Rowley. 38 Yards of material delivered and will be spread this weekend by Jeff Hale and volunteers. Anticipate 2 -3 more loads will be required.

Summer Movies ...Projectionist with portable screen have been identified. George Mills to conduct more research on potential dates and overall costs for program

Adjourn @9:00pm ; Motion by Tim Wheeler , Second Lou Fracasso : Vote : Unanimous

Next Meeting December 3rd 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.