

Board of Recreation minutes
December 4th 2013

Call to order: Jim DiVita @ 7:00 pm

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

Director Tricia Twomey, Selectmen Pimentel

Absent: George Mills

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Approval of October 6th 2013 minutes

Motion to accept by Diane Ransom, Seconded Tim Wheeler: Vote: (7) Favor, 1 Abstain...Minutes Approved

Public comment- None

Agenda Review:-

Chairmen Report ... YMCA Proposal...Diane Ransom

Chairman's report- Jim DiVita

- Jim presented members with worksheet of concerns discussed at November meeting regarding possible merger with YMCA . Board continued discussion on information presented. Loss of Rec department revenue to the YMCA is a major concern. Rec Board is awaiting additional details from Town Manager and YMCA as a follow up to their initial proposal presented in November.

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

- A. 2013-2014 Budget. Detail summary sheets included board members package. Currently @58.9 % spent. Director is being very stringent on spending

Activity Accounts.: The 015 accounts total is \$71,746

- B. Facilities Update: Retiling of Gaylord Tiffany building floor went out to bid. (Large room, Boiler room, Office area). Gaylord Tiffany foundation will be paying for this work. Lapointes Flooring was awarded work at a cost of \$ 7,075.00 and should be starting work in the next few weeks. Facility project description attached to board members document package.

Tricia indicated that building membrane inspection/repair for leaks along with new vandal proof down spouts are items that will be looked at in the future for the building.

- C. Holiday Schedule Update: Saturday Dec 7th at Old Colt Building will be Pictures with Santa. All members who can attend please arrive at 12:30pm . Event is 1-4pm . Gilbert Middle School Boys Basket Ball team will help out staggered throughout the afternoon. Tree Lighting slated for 4:45pm East End Park. Decoration Contest: 5 participants already signed up. Judging will be Dec 18th . All Rec Members who can participate please meet at Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- D. Note worthy items:
 - a. Tricia working on drafting a special needs policy to be in place for upcoming Summer Playground time period. She would like to have this ready for review by March.
 - b. Tricia has a new office which is one door down from the Mayors Office that she has been occupying for the last two years.

Program Updates:

Mens Softball Fall ball this year had more teams including Coed as compared to previous years. Kurt Root will provide financial statement for fall program at January meeting.

Kurt Root is looking for ways to invest more into Ryan field venue by improving fencing, bases, general field improvements ,possible scoreboard. Looking at soliciting advertisement signs for outfield fence as a revenue generator.

Youth Basketball:

Rec Basketball program will be run by Brandon Fields: Initial registration efforts for have approx. 35 players for the Grades 3-6 program starting tonite 12/4. Wed nights will be practice time for teams and games to be played on Saturday mornings. The K-2 program that will commence 1/4/14 will continue to be much more instructional based .At this time there are approx. 46 players registered for that program. Brandon is excited about the participant turnout and appears to be well organized with enough parental support to make his first year program a successful one.

Travel Basket Ball: Boys Northwest League:

Boys 5/6 team coached by Kevin Crowley and Tom Smith have a good compliment of players approx. 11. Practices are typically Tuesday and Thursday night.

Boys 7/8 team coached by Dan Williams is in need of additional players. Currently has 6 players . Practices are typically Monday and Friday Night Games will commence weekend of 12/14.

Girls 5/6 team coached by Kurt Root has approx. 12 players. Team is young and inexperienced .

Kurt gave an overview of the Girls 5/6 Preseason Turkey Tournament which he put on last weekend utilizing both Pearson & Gilbert school facilities. Another successful venue. Good feedback from visiting teams regarding one day tournament 7:00am to 6:15pm.

Girls 7/8 coached by Henry Wexler and Ashley Clement is looking strong and should be competitive this year.

Mens Basketball:

Darrin Ransom will be coordinating league this year. Start date for Mens league is slated for Jan 12th: \$ 550/team will be the registration cost.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Adjournment

Adjourn @ 8:15 pm ; Motion by Tim Wheeler , Second Diane Ransom : Vote : Unanimous

Next Meeting January 8th 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.