

Recreation Committee Minutes
May 18, 2006
Planning and Development Conference Room

Members Present: Acting Chairman Ralph Valentine, Dennis Senibaldi, Glen Yergeau, Beth Lippold, Barry Goldman, Lynn Goldman. Brian Carne arrived at 8:10 pm; Earl Bartlett arrived at 8:15 pm. Also present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas.

Members Absent:

Members Excused: *Mr. Carne and Mr. Bartlett contacted the Recreation Coordinator earlier in the day to let her know they would be late to the meeting.*

Mr. Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Minutes

Beth Lippold made a motion to accept the minutes of May 4, 2006; Barry Goldman seconded; the vote carried 3-0-0 (Mr. Senibaldi, Mrs. Lippold, and Mr. Yergeau abstained.)

Report of Officers

Mr. Senibaldi reported about the water issue at Griffin Park. He said that the Town is going to pay to re-sleeve the well and to fix the crack. Also, there are signs right now posted that the water is not suitable for drinking because the Health Officer has not performed a water test yet.

Mr. Valentine reported that he is in discussion with the Spruce Pond Developers about a possible donation for the Nashua Rd. engineering, which was discussed at the December 2005 meeting with Brian Harvey and Joe Maynard.

Report of Sub-Committees

Town Day: Cheryl Haas and Beth Lippold

Town Day is set for Sunday, July 2nd at Griffin Park from 1 – 4 pm. Mike Sorter will be doing the games and parade from 1-2:30 pm. Mrs. Lippold mentioned that we would like to add a baby carriage contest and wagon contest in addition to the bike decorating contest/parade. Below is a list of items needed:

Pies – Demoulas in Salem (cherry and blueberry)	Hot dogs	Soda
Burgers – Prime Butcher	Buns	Water
Tents (6 from FLOW)	Trash Barrels	
Police Detail	Ideal Disposal trash Pick up	
Volunteers – cook, runners, help with parade, set-up		
Tables	possible entertainment (community band?)	
Grills (with full tanks and water)	6 ft. ladder	
Duck tape, scissors, etac.		

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is a plan that the Town and School are working on together. The first worksheet is due May 31, 2006. See attached.

Recreation Master Plan

We have the opportunity to apply for a grant for assistance with the Recreation Master Plan. Rockingham Planning Commission is experienced and does these plans for a lot of towns. The Recreation Committee and Coordinator would be doing a great deal of the work with the plan as well. Mrs. Lippold made a motion for the Recreation Committee to request \$3000 and approval from the Board of Selectmen on May 22, 2006 to apply for a matching grant with Rockingham Planning Commission for the recreation master plan, with \$6,000 being the total project cost, but \$3000 coming out of the Recreation budget. Barry Goldman seconded; the vote passed 6-0-1 (Mr. Senibaldi abstained.)

Report of Coordinator

Mrs. Haas reported that sand was delivered to the beach on May 18, 2006 due to the recent rains. She received an emergency approval from DES.

There is a public hearing scheduled for June 5, 2006 for WBSL to donate the multi-use building to the Town.

The Tokenal Field bids and specifications are out; there is a walk-through on June 1, and the bids are due June 12, 2006.

Old Business

Basketball Revolving Fund

The Committee will be thinking about possibilities of what to do with the money in the Basketball revolving Fund.

Wonderland Playground/Parking Lot

Mr. Senibaldi asked what was being done, if anything, with Wonderland Playground. Mr. Valentine reported that prior to making any decisions on whether to sand, seal, etc., that the Committee needs to do a walk-through, once the clean-up is completed by Brandin Landscaping.

Mr. Senibaldi made a motion for \$500 to come out of the Recreation budget to help pay for the maintenance of the Wonderland playground parking lot and Estes Rd.; Beth Lippold seconded; the vote carried 6-0.

Rogers Field

Mr. Senibaldi inquired about the irrigation at Rogers Field. He is going to get the quote from the company that looked at the project.

Mr. Senibaldi would like the building at Rogers Field donated to the Town. It is currently owned by WBSL. It was requested that Mrs. Haas write a letter to WBSL inquiring about this.

Mr. Senibaldi discussed the soda machines at Rogers Field. Some of the members of the Committee felt that the machines should be outside the building, not inside. Mr. Senibaldi would like to get quotes from a mason on cutting into the building and having and have the two machines outdoors with a wall behind them and recessed into the building. Mrs. Haas will get a quote on this, as well as a quote on enlarging the concrete pad.

Griffin Park

Mr. Senibaldi inquired about the area in front of the playground. Mrs. Haas noted that she will speak with Al Barlow about this.

The Recreation office area of the Multi-use Building was cleaned out. There are some shelves in the garage area that belong to Recreation and can be moved into the Rec. office area. Mr. Carne mentioned that the building at Golden Brook belongs to the Town and is a great place to store things.

Mr. Bartlett announced that his term expires in June and that after 6 years, he is retiring. He is willing to stay on as an alternate if one is needed.

Beth Lippold made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm; Glen Yergeau seconded.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl S. Haas
Recreation Coordinator