

Recreation Committee Minutes for March 15, 2007

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Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by Chairman Ralph Valentine

Members present: Ralph Valentine, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Beth Lippold, Glen Yergeau

Also present: Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator

Members Excused: Dennis Senibaldi, Brian Carne

Minutes of February 15, 2007 meeting were accepted 5-0.

Report of Officers:

Chairman – Ralph made contact with Pat from the Conservation Committee and he is waiting to hear from them on the next date available for a meeting.

Report of Committees:

Master plan: The identified tasks have been distributed to committee members and the MP committee is going before the planning board on 4/11/2007 with a draft copy of what has been completed. Recreation Committee members asked Cheryl to be sure to have *draft* notated on each of the pages to avoid confusion with future copies.

Report of the Coordinator:

Cheryl is looking to hire and has advertised for 5 lifeguards, 1 tennis instructor...applications are due by 4/11/2007.

The target date for opening the tennis courts is 4/2/2007. The Salem High School has submitted their application with the team schedule and court schedule. They were told that there must be 1 open court during matches and 2 during practices for Windham residents. This was confirmed with Chris Bergeron.

Skate Park is slated to be open 4/2.

Programs: Daddy/Daughter dance was a success over 300 people in attendance.
Spring/Summer programs are coming out.
August there will be a skateboard clinic focusing on etiquette and safety

Correspondence:

Salem Christian School would like to host a Walk a thon on Friday, May 11,2007 with approximately 200 people along with a bar-b-que and picnic.

Motion was made by Barry Goldman: The Recreation Committee will deny such application because criteria has not been met and the unnecessary taxing of facilities, i.e. fields and bathrooms. Seconded by Glenn Approved 5-0

Old Business:

Easter Egg Hunt – Boy Scouts are handling the egg stuffing again this year. Cheryl would like help to arrive around 9:30 with the event kicking off at 11am. The Church will be having activities starting at 10 am till 12 noon. Beth is the bunny.

Steve Krekorian from the Lacrosse league sent an email to Cheryl Haas with a few points he would like reviewed.

Lacrosse has requested \$1500 for a portable scoreboard, which runs on batteries. Beth Lippold made a motion – the Recreation Committee votes to accept the proposal from Lacrosse for a Scoretronics PCK-4 Battery Powered Scoreboard up to the amount of \$1700 not including shipping. The scoreboard will be owned by the Town and in the off-season stored on town property. Glen Yergeau seconded, Approved 5-0

They would also like a bigger shed. The Rec Committee will look into getting a possible donation.

The Lacrosse League would like the Rec Committee to assist with the field lining and maintenance. After much discussion the Recreation Committee will make sure that all the fields will be properly mowed and maintained as well as the appropriate paints and equipment be available for the fields but the actual lining should be handled by the organization and its' volunteers.

Jennifer Colvin the Playground coordinator updated Cheryl that the flooring was going to be replaced along with the gate. The Playground group would also like to expand the playground and one idea is to have a spider web like rope climbing netting structure added. The Recreation Committee after discussion would rather see another swing set or tree house play structure that would be appropriate for the 3-7 age range, which typically use the area.

Lynn and Barry Goldman were asked to get three quotes from three different manufacturers for the windscreens to go around the tennis courts at Griffin Park. Lynn and Barry reported that the Town day tournament will be July 8th and the other major tennis tournament will be in September after the US Open. Barry and Lynn are also looking into have the Boston Lobsters, a professional touring tennis team have a clinic or attend one of the tournaments and the Goldman's will be bringing the Committee more information as it becomes available.

Meeting adjourned 9:18. Approved 5-0