

Approved
Windham Recreation Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 17, 2014
Community Development Department, 3 North Lowell Rd, Windham NH

Dennis Senibaldi called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Members Present

Dennis Senibaldi, Mark Lucas, Fred Connarn, Jason Gill.

Also present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas

Members Excused

Alberto Chang and Selectmen Liaison Bruce Breton

Minutes

Mark Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014; seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 3-0-1 (Jason Gill abstained, due to being a new member.)

Recreation Coordinator Updates

Town Day:

Ms. Haas reported that Town Day on June 28, 2014 went well. There were over 60 kids in the parade this year, and there were 6 last year. The fireworks went well and the day was a great success. The date is already booked for next year – June 27, 2015. Dennis Senibaldi noted that there is a considerable cost difference by doing the fireworks and events the week prior to the actual 4th of July holiday.

Sod at fields:

Ms. Haas explained that after the spring soccer/lacrosse season, sod is replaced at Griffin, Nashua Rd, and Searles, before the fall soccer season begins. Ms. Haas asked for approval for up to \$3500 of sod work to be completed at Griffin Park. The Committee was in agreement.

Revolving Funds:

Ms. Haas updated the Committee on the current balances with the Recreation Program Revolving Fund as well as the Lacrosse Revolving Fund. The current balance in lacrosse is approximately \$19,600. Registration money, and pay out things such as referees, supplies, uniforms, tournament costs. The Program fund has approximately \$15,900 in it. This fund is used for all the programs that are offered like tennis lessons, boot camp, etc.

Special Project Update:

The courts at Nashua Rd have been completed, and the cost was \$14,098. There is a remaining balance from the \$20,000 that was in the budget for special projects. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Committee wanted to work on the fence around the basketball and tennis courts with the remaining funds. Ms. Haas will request to be on the Board of Selectmen agenda

on July 28th for their approval. Mark Lucas made a motion to use the remaining funds, not to exceed the remaining balance, to use for fence work around the courts; seconded by Jason Gill, the vote carried 4-0.

Raft at beach:

The straps that help to secure the raft were loose due to some tampering with the lines underneath it. Dennis Senibaldi, Steve Hindes, and Paul Lutz moved the anchors and secured it on July 17, 2014.

Master Plan survey:

The Master Plan survey results will be available the first week of August. (Referring to the input for the former skate park area.) This will be an agenda item for the August meeting.

Senior Picnic:

The Senior Picnic is on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Windham High School.

Golf Driving Range Proposal:

A resident is interested in having a golf driving range at Griffin Park. After a brief discussion, the Committee would like to extend an invitation to her to come to the August meeting to present the project including information on the specific location and funding.

Old Business

CIP/LWCF Grant:

The CIP is due on 7/23/14. The Committee will be submitting Spruce Pond as a CIP project. The Selectmen gave permission on July 14, 2014 for Recreation to apply for a LWCF grant, which could give some funding for this project. Mr. Senibaldi gave a brief overview of the Spruce Pond project. There was discussion on getting the word out to the leagues and residents, assuming it gets approved by the CIP and Board of Selectmen. Ms. Haas will notify everyone when Recreation is on the CIP agenda.

Gage Lands/Hunting:

The Committee was approached by Wayne Morris this past winter regarding banning hunting on the Gage Lands. A site walk was conducted this spring on the property. After some discussion, the Committee felt that they did not recommend to change the regulation and they wanted to keep hunting as is, as it is a part of nature, recreation and conservation. The Committee did feel that signage would be appropriate. Mark Lucas made a motion to not change the hunting rules/regulations, and to recommend to post signs that hunting is permitted along the school side as well as any other appropriate signs that are needed to be in compliance with Town regulations and State Law; seconded by Fred Connarn, the vote carried 4-0. Ms. Haas will contact Wayne Morris.

Windham Soccer Association/Rain/Field Closures:

Mark Lucas wanted to follow up on what has happened since the meeting in May when Recreation met with 2 members from Windham Soccer regarding rain and field closures. Ms. Haas explained that Windham Soccer was going to meet as a Board and get back to her. Mr. Lucas was concerned about soccer season approaching this fall and that a situation regarding rain and field closures would arise again. Mr. Senibaldi noted that the Town fields are closed in times of heavy rain to protect them and to keep them in the great condition that they are in.

Irrigation:

Mark Lucas also wanted to follow up on the irrigation procedures with the fields. Mr. Senibaldi explained the process. The landscaper performs a monthly check, as well as checks the fields weekly and tends to notice when there is an issue. If an area is turning brown, he will check the irrigation to make sure it is working properly. When the system goes on in the spring, it is thoroughly checked. The State requires a meter which has to be installed each year.

Tree Donation:

Ms. Haas will follow up Dave Sullivan, Town Administrator, on the tree donation inquiry from CYR Lumber.

New Business

Elections

Fred Connarn made a motion to nominate Dennis Senibaldi as the Recreation Committee Chairman; seconded by Mark Lucas, the vote carried 3-0-1, with Dennis Senibaldi abstaining.

Fred Connarn made a motion to nominate Mark Lucas as the Recreation Committee Vice Chair; seconded by Jason Gill, the vote carried 3-0-1, with Mark Lucas abstaining.

Mark Lucas made a motion to nominate Fred Connarn as Recreation Committee Treasurer; seconded by Jason Gill, the vote carried 3-0-1, with Fred Connarn abstaining.

Other

The Committee welcomed new member Jason Gill to the Windham Recreation Committee. They also acknowledged Alberto Chang who is also a new member who was unable to attend this evening.

Jason Gill made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm; seconded by Mark Lucas, the vote carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Haas
Recreation Coordinator