



TOWN OF HUDSON

Recreation Committee

Robert Iannaco, Chairman

Roger Coutu, Selectmen Liaison



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Recreation Committee Minutes April 2, 2015

- Attendance: Bob Iannaco
Dave Yates
Keith Bowen
Carl Dubois
Jeremy Griffus
Mick Reagan
Selectman Roger Coutu

- Excused – Sue LaRoche and Jeremy Drown

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:39PM WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MINUTES

Meeting minutes for March provided by Chrissy Peterson

- ✓ Motion to accept minutes for March entered by Selectman Roger Coutu, seconded by Keith Bowen

PUBLIC INPUT

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None

Report of Sub Committees

- **Future Project Sub Committee –**
 - Had a meeting on March 26th at 6:00pm at the Recreation Center.
 - Discussed many items including:

- The future of the Skate Park and the idea of turning it into a Pickleball Court
 - Improvements to Greeley Park and Merrifield Park
 - Possible expansion to Merrifield Park
 - Wood Fibers being added to Benson Park
 - Adding a Recreation area at Benson Park
- *Carl Dubois added that the Hudson Fields Committee submitted paperwork for non-profit and waiting to hear back from the State. The committee is trying to focus on one area in town to improve and/or build out on.*
- **Softball Sub Committee –**
 - Having a meeting tonight to discuss the upcoming season
- **Basketball Sub Committee–**
 - Finishing up the adult league over the next two weeks
 - Travel Basketball has finished their season and did very well
 - Dave adds that basketball surveys have been completed and returned to the Recreation Department. He would like the committee to privately help review the surveys objectively

Director's Report

- **Basketball**
 - Travel Basketball has ended.
 - 6 out of 9 teams made it the Championships games and out of that 3 teams won.
 - 35+ is still going on and their playoffs and championship games are coming up.
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Lacrosse –

- Teams had their last indoor practice in Bedford at the NH Sportsplex
- Outdoor practices will be challenging with the snow and conditions of the fields.
- First games are scheduled for April 12th
- PMA is being rented for home games

5th & 6th Grade Dance –

- Scheduled for April 17th
- New cell phone policy will begin that night

Snowman Contest –

- Contest is wrapping up and a winner will be selected soon.
- We will submit the picture of the winning snowman into the HLN

Daddy Daughter Dance –

- Scheduled for May 29th

Table Setup at Voting –

- Chrissy worked at the polls and said it was well received with a good amount of traffic.
- Had a banner made up with Recreation programs on it and displayed it up above the table
- The table was setup with fliers on upcoming events, summer program, and senior events
- Was there to answer any questions people had on our programs

Softball –

- Registration dates are April 9th from 6pm – 7:30pm and April 11th from 9:30am=10:30am

Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Pickleball is in the early stages of planning. It is a sport that combines tennis and ping-pong ball played on 1/3 the size of a tennis court. The equipment includes a large paddle and a ball similar to a waffle-ball. It is a great activity that is geared towards all ages and skill levels. It has become extremely popular in Florida especially in Retirement Communities.

The hope would be to fit two courts into the Skate Park but it doesn't seem as though there would be enough room. Parking is a bit of a concern if there was ever a tournament scheduled there down the road.

Shuffleboard and Four Square also being lined down there in the extra space would help to get the most use out of the space.

Taping Pickleball lines in the Community Center was discussed and will be looked into further. This would result in the option that Senior Citizens would have to play inside or outside.

Other Business

None

Final Comments

Keith Bowen adds that he had a great basketball season with his Travel Team and was proud of his team.

Selectman Roger Coutu comments that Chrissy Peterson did a great job on voting day representing the Recreation Department. He also added that he wishes Sue LaRoche a speedy recovery.

Jeremy Griffus said that this will be his last term in the committee. He has enjoyed his time and would still love to volunteer to help out but is moving on to different things.

Bob Iannaco and Dave Yates thank Jeremy for years as a valuable member of the committee. Dave expressed how Jeremy has been a tremendous help to him over the years.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chrissy Peterson

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