

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes January 3, 2013

Attendance: Dave Yates
Bob Iannaco
Carl Dubois
Keith Bowen
Jeremy Griffus
Eric Horton
Mick Regan
Sue Laroche

Excused - Selectman Roger Coutu

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Meeting minutes for November 01 and December 13 provided by Eric Horton

Motion to accept minutes for November and December entered by Sue Laroche, seconded by Carl Dubois, motion passed 7-0

Public Input

None

Report of Officers

None

Report of Sub Committees

Future Project Sub Committee:

Eric Horton addressed the potential projects. Specifically the volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and a bocce playing surface. These are low cost efforts that would greatly add to the activities available to users of Benson Park.

Eric Horton entered a motion to take the plan for a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and a bocce playing surface to the Benson Park Committee for their evaluation and approval. Further, the Benson Park Committee would indicate desired location for projects with a desired install in early spring. Keith Bowen seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 7-0.

Jeremy Griffus recommended that Mr. Yates discuss with the Town's Road Agent regarding potential assistance with personnel and equipment. Jeremy indicated that he would continue to work on the draft proposal with a plan to present to the Recreation Committee in February with the hopes to present to the Benson Park Committee in March and the Board of Selectman in April.

Director's Report

- MLK tournament is in planning process with 52 teams registered to date. The tournament will be using four schools and help is required to support the weekend activities. Dave noted that there is a drop in girl's teams in the 8th grade level. Discussion ensued about rates and participation. Dave indicated that his approach is to keep kids in programs. Eric Horton indicated that if rates were raised there should be an approach to retain extra revenues to support future recreation department initiatives.
- Movie night is January 4th
- Comedy Night is January 26th

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Lacrosse program - Informational meeting held. Large attendance, some fact finding and other parents evaluating how the transition for kids coming from other towns. Litchfield has not been accepting Hudson kids due to the new program start-up. An overview of the sport was provided. Dave felt there was not enough attention given to "new" people to the sport. As a result, Dave is offering a clinic on January 6th to provide a more detailed overview of the game and equipment.

New Business

A discussion ensued regarding how to best "advertise" the recreation department. Various ideas were put forth with Keith Bowen advocating for use of Pinterest.

Closing Remarks

- Jeremy indicated the Mal's Pals cardboard sled race is scheduled for January 27. Also, on January 26th raffle tickets will be sold at Comedy Night to help support McKenzie Lowe.
- Keith Bowen highlighted the fundraiser for the Zach Tompkins football field.
- Sue Laroche commented on the Hudson School Facilities task force progress. There will be informational sessions held to discuss the feasibility study that is on the warrant this year.

- Mick Regan thanked Carl and Bob for signing up to be on the recreation committee for another term.
- Dave Yates commented that the coaches and high school kids were supportive of the fundraising effort for McKenzie Lowe.

There being no further business, Jeremy Griffus entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keith Bowen, and motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Horton

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