

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes Nov 3, 2011

Attendance: Dave Yates
Jeremy Griffus
Bob Iannaco
Carl Dubois
Keith Bowen - 6:45 arrival
Rupert Cote
Mick Regan
Ben Nadaeu

Excused – Eric Horton, Sue LaRoche

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion entered by Mick Regan to accept the Oct minutes as presented. Rupert seconded, motion carried 6-0.

Public Input

None

Report of Officers

None

Report of Sub Committees

Action to further discussion required to form a softball subcommittee.

Director's Report

1. 5th / 6th grade dance went well. 490 kids present all had a great night.
2. Comedy night is scheduled for Nov 12. Tickets still available but going fast.
3. Dave introduced a dodge ball tournament to the schedule. Need 8 teams to make this event viable. The team fee will be \$40 and will be held at the community center. The deadline will be Nov 13 to enter a team.
4. Canceled movie night because of the storm and power outages.
5. Basketball - all teams have been chosen for recreation. Waiting for Schools to determine their team prior to holding tryouts for 7/8 grade travel.
6. Nov 7 is the next suburban league meeting in Bedford. Dave will attend to provide additional guidance to coaches.
7. Independent evaluations for tryouts went well and all travel teams are in place and practicing.
8. Carl brought up, if it makes sense to discuss moving the Hudson tournament to mid Dec. Dave's reply is we should continue to have the tournament Martin Luther King weekend and keep this for future consideration.

Old Business:

1. The playground ribbon cutting ceremony went well. An average of 30 to 40 kids on a nice day. As final bills come in, it is fully anticipated that we will stay within in the allocated budget. Any extra funds will potentially go toward benches.
2. Jeremy mentioned that damage was minimal but some trees, which have value, were damaged.
3. Ben mentioned feedback from the community has been nothing but positive.
4. Carl mentioned if it's possible to approach the Friends of Bensons to assist with benches. Ben mentioned that anyone can approach them to purchase these benches for the park.
5. Jeremy wanted to clarify that the funds came from recreation impact fees and the committee is an advisory board which has no control over these funds.

Budget – FY13

1. Recreation came in level funded and no cuts were presented. Next hurdle is the budget committee. Question where in the area of before / after summer program, fee structure and discussion with HYB to assume responsibility for Babe Ruth.

New Business:

Lori Bowen – Summary of Soccer Season:

1. Thanks to all for the opportunity. 4 divisions 8 week program with 604 participants and 54 coaches.
2. 27 high school kids coached with the younger groups.
3. Parity was enforced as drills were done consistently throughout practices.
4. High school kids and 8th graders refereed with no issues.
5. The senior division girl's teams averaged 18 players per team where boys average 13 players. There was a decline in boys this year. Need to understand why. There is an assessment ongoing.
6. The last week each team got 2 games with playoffs and consolation games played.
7. Lori mentioned that the high school coaches did a great job on preparation and coaching this year.
8. One issue was trying to manage time, where there was enough flexibility amongst the coaches to accommodate practices before the games.
9. Little Sweepers – There were 45 kids. The goal of the league was to learn through games. There was a great response and good feedback from the program.
10. Survey – 95% positive and all great feedback. 5% parking at Freedom Field was and 8am start time is too early.

Closing Remarks

Keith – Kids tend to favor a sport or other activity over soccer which could explain the drop of enrollment. Parents want a 4th grade program in the winter. Gym space is a premium.

Mick – Kudos to soccer.

Jeremy – Thanks Lori for running the soccer organization and great job with the kids

Carl – Congratulations to a wonderful soccer season.

Rupert – Invite parents to the meetings and express any ideas.

Bobby – None

Dave – Thanks to Lori, Keith and Sherri for a terrific job!

Eric – Kudos to the playground process and Laurie for the effort put in to soccer.

Ben – What’s the problem with parking? Lori comments 300 kids there at one point in time. There is not enough parking to facilitate the 9AM turnover.

There being no further business, Bobby entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keith Bowen, and motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Dubois

I left the time line in here to show estimated as compared to actual.

Estimated	Actual	Send RFP to Vendors	
24-Mar	24-Mar	Recommendation to Planning Board	Complete
2-May	9-May	Send RFP to Vendors	Complete
11-May	24-May	Site Walk with Vendors	Complete
20-May	9-Jun	RFP / Packages Due to Town Clerk	Complete
20-May	9-Jun	Sub Committee Review Proposals	Complete
6-Jun	20-Jun	Interview with vendors	Complete
4-Jun	28-Jun	Recommendation to BOS	Complete
25-Aug	25-Aug	Selection of Playground Colors and Misc Equipment	Complete
19-Sep	26-Sept	Installation	Complete
15-Oct	22-Oct	Open to the community – Ceremony	Complete

Let the testing commence.

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