

Recreation Minutes of June 21, 2007

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Meeting called to order 7:36pm

Members present: Beth Lippold, Mags Adamchek, Lynn Goldman, Ralph Valentine, Barry Goldman, Michelle Langlois, Dennis Senibaldi

Excused: Brian Carne, Glenn Yergeau

Also Present: Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator: Bruce Breton, Rec Committee Liaison

Minutes: Minutes of April 19, 2007 meeting approved

Report of Officers:

Chairman: Ralph reported he walked the Gage lands with representative from Conservation Committee

Report of Committees;

Master plan is still moving ahead as planned but it may not meet June deadline.

Report of the Coordinator;

Beach is open and there is no smoking anywhere on property. The hole was fixed, sand sifted, new gate installed and the rocks and stumps were removed. The swail was also cleaned out. There was money allotted out of revolving rec fund to have the roof on the beach house repaired and new window gate to be purchased.

Summer classes are filling up if not already full.

Recreation Improvement Fund has been depleted.

\$2000 caboose

\$4200 Nashua Field engineering

\$600 Swail at Beach

\$2100 Beach building roof

\$1200 Depot Area improvement

Correspondence

Letter received from Beth Lippold to the Recreation Committee. Letter was read as follows:

To Recreation Committee:

I, Beth Lippold, recommend to the Recreation Committee that the committee rules, section 4 subset A, regarding the number of alternates allowed to serve be increased from 3-4 members.

Sincerely,
Beth Lippold

Old Business

Regarding the tennis windscreens, there was a concern if all 4 sides were screened in how would it affect the viewing of matches. It was discussed that screening the 2 sides and side closest to the parking lot. The committee requested that Cheryl get a sample of the open weave and get a quote on just those sides.

Wonderland was power washed, sanded and sealed, with a second sealing planned for the fall/October time frame. Security lights have been fixed as well. The Girl Scouts have not gotten final approval for their Wonderland project but Cheryl and Beth met with them to discuss ideas and thoughts on the project.

After discussion on swing placement on the structure closest to Rogers field. Dennis made a motion: Keep the 2 belt swings next to the ADA swing instead of installing the tot swings. Failed 2-3 with 2 abstaining. The counter argument was that Game Time a playground company recommends that there not be belt swings next to ADA swing because they are too erratic. Tot swings are less likely to be swung into the path of the ADA swing. Mags indicated she liked the idea of a tot swing on that structure along with the belt swings, it is convenient if you have multiple children at different ages to push. Also, for convenience of watching games at Rogers and pushing small toddlers while watching the game, tot swings would be a good thing.

Town Day

Sunday, July first is town day 1-4, starting with Tennis Tournament. Tennis indicated they are all set for the day. Barry and Lynn indicated besides the tournament they also have Round Robin Tournaments on Sundays. Also they have talked with the Boston Lobsters and although they can't do town day they are available July 20th for a tennis clinic. Cost is \$1000 and clinic lasts 3 hours. There is a known professional along with other trainers and the program would accommodate both children and adults. Cheryl will contact the organizer for more details.

Town Day festivities are all set. The Town Day committee asked everyone to be there for set up around 9:30 with grilling beginning at 12.

Ralph went before the Board of Selectmen and was granted \$4200. Dennis and Bruce Breton were commended for their support. Although there were multiple bids in, 2 bids in the same range for the engineering portion, Dennis would like to approach both parties and ask them if they would be able to donate any more or a portion of the project. Ralph would like to check with Town Administrator Dave Sullivan for the purposes of staying within procedure of just going with the lowest bid or approaching the bidders for a better price. Dennis indicated that it was within procedures and thought it should be done. Dennis made a motion that all parties will check in with Cheryl and best price would go forward. Bruce Breton indicated that if prices were the same a special meeting would be called and the Committee would make the decision. It was amended that Peter with Herbert and Associates put their bid in writing. Seconded by Beth, passed 7-0.

New Business

CIP discussions are coming up and all committee members should submit a wish list for discussion at next meeting.

Dennis stated the fence at Tokenal field is turning orange because of high iron content in the water system. Not causing any damage to fence just discoloration. The system may need a new filtration system.

Vicky and Mike Hatem were named as Alternates for the committee. The committee agrees and would like the letter submitted during correspondence be brought before the Board of Selectmen.

Elections for future office terms will be held next meeting.

Adjourned 9:40pm. 7-0