

Barkhamsted Recreation Meeting September 17, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Pamela Welles, Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki, Melissa Roy and Nora Bishop present. Deb Simon and Cara Nguyen absent. There was no public input.

There was correspondence from summer programs and fall programs reviewed.

Review of March minutes tabled. The June minutes reviewed and motion by Pam and Peter accepted the June minutes.

Donna reviewed the summer events, it was very busy. Fall programs advertising and planning began for ski club; karate, and now will include self defense class. Robin Centrella is a potential instructor that Donna has contacted for a potential mediation/yoga type exercise course for the Winter; the Riverton Grange events, Halloween Hop, Crafts for Christmas Workshops and Thanksgiving Hike were discussed. Flyers distributed to the school by Director.

Old business:

The summer camp was lots of work and had good reviews. \$1391.34 profit, after camp expenses. 29 campers registered. There were no issues, no problems. The bus company was great, lots of volunteers make the camp possible, including FRCC River Steward, the police, fire department, the Stone Muesum, FALPS the Historical Society, Peoples Forest and MDC. Many volunteer hours also by Recreation Director. Great staff and leadership again this year.

The nature camp reports by instructor show it seemed to go well. There was a big effort try to keep it safe and consistent with the other camps prior to the start of the program. The Rec Director has asked Molly to submit her proposal/budget for in November, this year. For the 3 week camp, total revenue is \$1259.38. Director seeks to keep this program consistent with all other programs if being offered.

Summer programs. Paddle boarding: 16 total for the 3 sessions. revenue \$65. Donna mentioned the possibility of snow shoe classes for the winter with Morsel Monk if interested.

Unfortunately, moonlight canoe on 7/7 was cancelled due to weather. The event had a good number signed up. Peter and Donna were present at the event to meet anyone that had registered.

The Recreation Department was promoted at most of the major events this summer, large presence in all events.

The Still River Music Festival in June was not well attended, due to the weather. We had a booth at a great location.

4th of July led by Lions Club went well and was well attended! Recreation and FRCC River Steward Team marched, had a booth and promoted events.

The paddle for Preservation in New Hartford in June, FRCC Steward Team and Recreation Department had a booth, did photos, etc. and folks at this event signed up for moonlight canoe/kayak event.

Fisherman's flea market was well attended, FRCC promoted and attended the event.

The new video contest for the FRCC River Steward Program went well. Riverton merchants donated the prizes to the contest winners. Cross promoted through Recreation. Promoted good recreation on the river.

There is series of videos that Donna and Stephan created during the summer of different scenes of Recreation on the river, which FRCC Steward Team also promoted on social media. Donna is looking into doing PSA's for next year, focus on keeping the river clean and healthy recreation. It was suggested that there be a message about trash to public since there are no barrels.

Fall Activities:

Halloween Sock Hop - need 3-4 volunteers to help decorate and for the event. Donna has reserved the school gym and cafeteria for the event. The PTO will hold their fundraiser during the event and will have a table for the ski program, due 11/1. Donna is working on the supplies for the event.

Karate & self-defense for Fall. Please try to promote, get the word out.

Ski club meeting is on 9/18 that Donna will attend and then get forms out to the school for the parents to help bolster registration since enrollment numbers are down at the school and hope this will help.

Christmas workshop supplies need to be ordered for Christmas in Riverton. There are lots going on in town that weekend. It was suggested that we may want to coordinate an events calendar and promote all the events. This has been on our website since July.

The Lions Club Haunted House has been cancelled due to scheduling issues. Recreation in the past has had a booth at this event and promoted.

The Recreation Department has received correspondence from the PTO President, Meghan Cooke, that they will not be hosting the Trunk and Treat event this year.

The Holiday hike is on 11/18. Please come and spread the word.

New business:

Please get the word out about advertising all the events.

Ski club - volunteers needed for those dates. Ski passes may be available for volunteers to use after the program ends depending on the number of children enrolled.

The Recreation commission reviewed the budget sheets submitted by the town recently. There are questions about the financial numbers to be reviewed and follow up will be needed with the town selectman.

It was asked if there is an attendance rule for this committee and since there is not, there was a discussion about the possibility of having members call into the meeting for those times when someone may not be able to attend.

Donna made copies of FOIA rules

Motion by Pam Welles to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Nora Bishop