

Town of North Canaan
Recreation Committee
November 28, 2023
Special Meeting

Present: Chairwoman Lindsay Crane, Tonya Roussis, Laura Bosio, Tom Bunce, Marilisa Camardi, Director Adam Bunce

Chairwoman Crane called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and established a quorum.

Mr. Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Bosio seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Public Comment: Mike Reagan requested that the committee add the North Greenway to their agenda as an item to continue discussion on. He explained the location of the mile long trail. He has held 2 informal meetings with local residents interested in the preservation of the trail. They have cleaned up the trail and remarked it. On December 2 at 11am they will have a reopening of the trail. On New Year's Day will be doing a dog walk on the trail and a plan for an Earth Day Spring clean up. They feel the trail has several opportunities for expansion as well near the transfer station. The biggest issue they are having is getting people to commit as there is no sustainability plan. So, they are looking for a long-term maintenance/sustainability plan. The town owns the property not the State. Members of the Rec Committee agree that it would be a great resource and would be interested in continuing to learn about it. There was a discussion of local kids working as well.

Directors Report, Director Adam Bunce :

- Baseball – had the annual special meeting for the Little League. The Board members stayed the same and they added 2 more members. The next phase is for registrations to be set and out for January 1. They ensured the field rental was up to date.
- Soccer has finished. It was a good small program. Tried to scrimmage with Salisbury, but due to their practice schedule it didn't work out. Plan is to try and get someone to run the program next year.
- Basketball Friday nights will be kindergartners (13). He is working on getting volunteers for the group. For insurance purposes there are 37 total children. There are 28 for the regional group. Director Bunce will be sending out an email. Housy Hoops is fifth and sixth grade boys and fifth and sixth grade girls. There were not enough seventh and eighth graders. They will be offering the gym again this year.

Treasurer Report: Marilisa Camardi:

- Balance in the special account is \$8901.60.
- Spreadsheet for sports income and expenses was emailed to all members.
- The pool closing bill came and was paid.
- The pump replacement/repair bill still has an outstanding balance and Marilisa will be checking on why that is.

Old Business:

Porta Pottys were picked up. Director Bunce explained there was graffiti sprayed on them Halloween night. Also, graffiti on the inside of the dugouts, which have now been cleaned up. There was a discussion about cameras.

Master Calendar: There were a few typos and a couple other items that need to be fixed. Chairwoman Crane will correct it and send it to the town and all of the members.

NC Rec Sponsored group: Ms. Bosio explained she is waiting to hear back from them and will report once she has some answers.

Basketball hoops: Director Bunce will reach out to Chuck Grant to see what he found out. Chairwoman Crane will speak to the First Selectman regarding finishing the fill.

Signs for the Tennis Court and the Basketball rules: Director Bunce will see if GHI can make them. Director Bunce will put something together for the rules sign and send it to the committee. Discussion of ending use at dusk.

Holiday Decoration Light contest: There are 6 entries so far. It will be reposted again. Registration closes on the 10th. **Ms. Camardi made a motion to purchase a \$10 Stop and Shop card as a prize. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.** There are also ornaments to hand out.

Parade of Lights – the committee donated 2 large cookie platters. Would be nice to continue this.

Fundraiser at the Brewery booked for April 21. More discussion after the new year.

Ski Club – signups are in process. They go through Mohawk. There are 6 trips planned this year. Director Bunce handles getting the total that is owed to Mohawk and then collecting the money. He has heard from 1 person regarding a scholarship so far. Registrations close December 11. It is only 4-8 grade with some exception's dependent on ability as well as parental attendance. Last year there were 25 kids signed up.

There was a discussion regarding the skating rink and whether the liner was saved. Rec purchased the liner. Chairwoman Crane will speak with First Selectmen about it.

Ms. Roussis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary