

Board of Recreation minutes

January 2, 2019

Call to order: Kurt Williams at 7:04pm

Members in attendance: Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Kristen Peterson, Sean McGlynn, Allen Miller, Jamie Duffy, Alesia Warner, Diane Ransom, and Brian Shaunessey

Recreation Director: Tanya Risucci

Absent: none

Approval of last meeting minutes: Approval of December 5, 2018 minutes - Motion to accept Diane Ransom, Seconded Allen Miller
5 Favor and 4 Abstain

Public Comment: Riley LaCasse and his mother were present. Riley was concerned about the new swing sets at the Rowley playground. He said they are too small. Tanya mentioned that these swing sets won't be the only swing sets at the playground. She is waiting for grant money to come in to purchase more equipment. Each year the Gaylord Tiffany Foundation gives the Recreation Department money. Riley suggested a Spider Climber for the playground. Tanya said she intends to purchase a "Dome Climber". Riley's mother wants to help out. Kristen suggested that the Recreation Department is looking for another board member and she is always welcome to attend the board meetings.

Initial Board Ideas were: Rewrite on our Mission Statement for February meeting. Brian will write first draft.

Agenda Review: no changes

Chairman's Report: Kurt Williams

Kurt will talk with Laurie Bassett in regards to adding and deleting board members on the town website. He suggests that we should have one more board member. If anyone is interested they are to contact Tanya. Kurt was concerned with the feedback on all our programs. How do we know we are doing the right stuff? Diane said the programs make it show how we are doing. Kurt said we provide more for younger kids than older ones. He wants the schools to get involved. Surveys? Kristen mentioned the younger children have the CHAMPS program. Missing things to do for the high schoolers. On social media we can ask for suggestions, make

a poll. Alesia suggested that we can include other sports such as hockey, lacrosse, boys' volleyball, tournaments, and game nights. Kurt will draft a letter to the schools to have representatives come to the meetings to discuss events/sports for March and April every year. Kurt said that Jim Welcome is putting new turf down at Dodge and Rowley fields and they will be closed. We can ask the college to put on note on their flashing billboard to let citizens know the fields will be closed. Kurt suggested that board members should take the time to come and visit the different programs the recreation is offering. Kurt submitted an old project prioritization list from 2007 to 2018 and how they are ranked in terms of importance. Add or remove items? He suggested to utilize this list in planning for budgets and what we can get from grants. We should post on the town website which fields are what, pictures, aerial maps, signs for each park and field.

Director's Report: Tanya Risucci

Ice skating party at Resha Beach suggested by Allen and Lisa Miller for February. We can have popcorn and hot cocoa. We need someone to clear the area.

We have a 2% increase in our accounts and Tanya doesn't know how much the town will take back. She will talk with Bob Geiger about our budget. The budget needs to be passed by May. What do we tell Bob we need? Asking him for support with our budget. Line items, large increase, Capital or expense? Under \$10,000 is expense. Prioritize budget/list.

Bubbles and Truffles event is on February 8th. Friends of Main Street are donating half the proceeds to the Recreation Department to receive a Fountain Station.

Basketball in full swing, 50-70 kids for younger ages

16 teams men's basketball, money is up front now and they play at Gilbert and Pearson. Travel basketball now uses their own system to get Ref.

Art classes are beginning February 21st and go into April. Dog Obedience classes beginning in January.

Suggestions for Gaylord Tiffany grant this year. Shade structure? Heating system? Insulation?

Old Business: Figuring out our budget so we don't give our money to other town departments.

New Business: Providing more programs for older kids and feedback regarding programs. Update our website and provide more information regarding fields.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm motion made by Alesia seconded Diane
Vote: Unanimous

Next meeting 02/06/19

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Duffy

Recreation Department Board Secretary

The above minutes have not been approved by the Recreation Board. Approval will be made on the next regularly scheduled meeting.