

RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheena Royce, Bonnie Jones, Bill Brown, and Cindi Beede.

Mrs. Beede convened the meeting at 7:08pm.

1. Pickleball: Residents, Jim Talbert, Susan Hoyland, and Marie Knowlton were in attendance to represent a group of picklball players. They would like permission to paint six 1-inch lines on the tennis courts (Rhododendron Rd) in order to outline the boundaries needed for a pickleball court. Currently, the participants measure and chalk temporary lines on the courts to play twice a week during "Open Court for Pickleball" which is held Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. This has become tedious, especially with the amount of rain we've received this summer. Mrs. Royce asked how many people currently played pickleball in town. Mrs. Knowlton replied that they have had up to 10 participants. Mrs. Knowlton presented a list of future requests from the town which include resurfacing the courts, adding the pickleball lines permanently to the repaired surfaces, securing an indoor facility for off-season play, and the purchase of a net. Her list was accompanied by some pricing (quotes from nearby towns). The group mentioned that they need more players and require the help of the Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Beede asked if the basketball court under the pavilion would work as a pickleball area. Mr. Talbert says he measured the court and it would work. Mrs. Jones wondered if extra lines on a tennis court would be confusing to tennis players. Mrs. Beede and Mrs. Jones thought it would be a good idea to visit the Rindge recreation area to view the courts in person.
The Commission agreed to discuss the matter further. During discussion, Mrs. Beede told the members the current budget wouldn't a lot for resurfacing now. She suggested they received some quotes. The Commission agreed that painted dots would be a good place to start and Mrs. Beede would write a letter to the Board of Selectmen, asking permission.
2. Summer Recreation update: The last day of Summer Rec was cancelled due to impending storms. Kaitlyn Derry, Summer Rec Director, was told the program would not have access to Emerson School because the floors were being repaired. Without shelter, Ms. Derry and Mrs. Beede made the decision to cancel and give parents notice so they could make arrangements for childcare. Overall, the summer program was successful. Rain and stormy weather did cause some problems for field trips. The hike up Gap Mtn was cancelled and the trip to the beach was moved several times due to the forecast.
NON-PUBLIC SESSION: MOTION BY MRS. BEEDE, SECONDED BY MRS. ROYCE, PASSED 4-0.
3. Soccer: Registration for the 2018 Youth Soccer Program is scheduled for Monday August 20th from 5:00-7:30 at the Town Hall. Franklin Pierce University ran a clinic August 12th for any kids in the program. They hope to collaborate more in the future.
4. C/I/T: A new 6-weeek session for Caregivers/Infants/Toddlers will start September 7th. Classes will be held biweekly on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00am at the Fitzwilliam Town Library. Danielle Jacques will be taking over as lead for this group.

5. STRONG by Zumba will start again this fall. A free class will be offered on Thursday Sept 6th and a six week session will follow starting September 13th. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Troy Community Center. Mrs. Royce, instructor, will send Mrs. Beede the new fall program flyer.
6. Spooktacular: The Spooktaculars will be held Saturday October 20th from 10-12pm. Mrs. Beede has booked rental games with Games 2 Go (like last year). The fee for everything in the truck is \$200 (same as last year). The company has a new mascot available for \$25 extra. The Commission agreed to hire the mascot. The Commission agreed to host a Kids Costumed Fun Run. The Fitzwilliam Community Church definitely wants to be a part of festivities this year. Mrs. Beede will reach out to the church members to see what they have planned. She will also touch base with the Friends of the Library who have yet to respond to the invite to participate. More planning will happen at next month's meeting.
7. Meadowood: The Commission discussed site walk at Meadowood. All members agreed that they would like to the town to pursue acquisition of both properties being offered to the town. They all agree that the Meadowood building would be an asset to the town as a Community Center. They agree that making a list would be essential to present the Selectmen. The list would comprise of possible uses for the properties and necessary upgrades. Mrs. Beede will plan a meeting with the Board for next month.

Mrs. Beede made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones and then passed 4-0.