

RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Jones, Catie Bisson, Christi Filipi, Sheena Royce, and Cindi Beede.

Mrs. Beede convened the meeting at 7:00pm.

1. Summer Rec update: There are 38 children enrolled at summer camp. Mrs. Beede reported that things are going well. Camp was cancelled one day last week (Thursday June 28th) due to the inclement weather. Mrs. Beede and Ms. Derry (Summer Rec Director) made the call to cancel at 6am and contacted families via email and posted the notice on Facebook (private group and publicly on the Fitzwilliam Recreation page and the Fitzwilliam Community page). Ms. Derry was there to greet families who missed the message for 8am. A few did show up and a few were displeased. Commission members agreed it was the right call to cancel since storms were predicted throughout the day and it was too dangerous to be outside. Since then, Mrs. Beede has secured use of the multipurpose room at Emerson School if weather like this occurs in the future. It did rain the following Friday and the campers used the school for about 2 hours. The campers and staff have been on one field trip to the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro to see the animals and participate in an ice cream workshop. It was successful. Mrs. Beede granted the request of a camper's mother to reimburse her for 5 weeks of the program since her daughter was only able to come one day and will not be returning.
2. Soccer: Jenn Fritz has been hired to run the 2018 Fitzwilliam Youth Soccer Program. She has started making plans and will have more information by June 12th so Mrs. Beede can add it to the Fitzwilliam newsletter submission.
3. Pickleball: Open Court for Pickleball is held Tuesdays (6-7pm) and Saturdays (9-10am) at the tennis courts on Rhododendron Road. Marie Knowlton is the contact person for this activity. She is willing to help, instruct, and ready the courts of game time. She uses chalk to modify the lines according to pickleball dimensions. Mrs. Beede has printed out a flyer, instructions, and court dimensions to hang at the court for the public to use as reference. At least 5 or 6 community members have participated thus far.
4. Bicycle Rodeo: Talk of hosting a Bicycle Rodeo at Summer Rec, in collaboration with the Fitzwilliam Police Department, occurred at last month's meeting. Mrs. Beede has discussed the idea with Chief DiSalvo and Ms. Derry. She suggested, however, that this event be postponed and held in the spring. She doesn't want to exclude any campers who either don't have bicycles, or don't have the ability to transport their bikes to and from camp. The Commission agreed that the event could possibly take place at the Police Station. Perhaps the Depot could be used for food and the police could maybe do fingerprinting kits for families. A member suggested a barbeque. Mrs. Beede will present this idea to the Chief.
5. Spooktacular Fall Fest: The Spooktacular Fall Fest will be held Saturday October 27th from 10-12pm. Mrs. Beede will contact Fitzwilliam Town Library to inquire about access to the lawn/library and see if the Friends of the Library want to take part in hosting the event. Mrs. Beede will contact Games 2 Go to book rental of their lawn games. Mrs. Beede will also reach out to the Fitzwilliam Community Church to see if they have interest in participating as well.

Mrs. Beede made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones and then passed 5-0.

