

October 15, 2013

Dayton Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Members present: Arelle, Jen H. Shelly, Jenn, Ryan, Jim, Shannon, Jocelyn & Jennie
Meeting started at 6:10 pm

Ryan and Arelle Welcomed Everyone

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed, voted on and approved.

Treasure Report: need to get info from Angela so Jocelyn can start ledger for our records.

Old Business:

Discussed last selectmen's meeting. Seven new people were voted in as "Parks and Recreation Committee" members. Jennie, Jim, Shannon, Jennifer H., Jennifer K., Ryan and Jocelyn. Voted on and approved to keep positions as previously appointed before becoming "Parks and Recreation" Members. Ryan – Chair, Arelle – co-chair, Jocelyn – Treasurer, Jennie – Secretary.

** Arelle has spoken with Rachel and Rachel is fine with these positions, she was chair because she was the only one for a while on the committee, she is still interested in running the basketball program.

Name has been changed from Recreation to Parks and Recreation

Now that the selectmen have recognized our group as "Parks and Recreation" and we have all been sworn in as members of the Parks and Recreation Committee we will be dropping the "playground" wording on all logo's including those on letterhead and all correspondences concerning the playground and use as recommended; "Parks and Recreation Committee".

We do have our own mailbox, mail will be opened by us, contributions recorded and then turned over to Angela for deposit. A separate Playground Account has been created internally so that recreation monies can/will be kept separate.

Parks and Rec members will continue to be present at Selectmen's meetings.

Annual Appeals letter is re-written and ready for the Selectmen's approval so we can meet our business mailing deadline of 11/1/2013. Residential mailing will be 11/15/2013 We will be responsible for postage, copies will be made at town office. Check on envelopes... Jennie and/or Arelle Check into Legacy Bricks and/or way to acknowledge those businesses and residents that make larger donations.

Recreate contribution cards to include amounts for Residents and Businesses. Amounts for residents being \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25 and other \$. For businesses: \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and other \$.
Create Thank You to be sent back from each contribution including Employee ID number for businesses??

Shelly looking into having 340 contribution cards printed on cardstock.

Appeals letter printing: T.B.A. and stuffing envelopes on Friday October 25th @ 11 @ Harris Farms.

Angela got back to Arelle with info from MMA Legal. We need selectmen's approval to get on ballot. If no approval we can start a citizens petition to request monies to be appropriated for the playground. After checking into numbers we would need 91 signatures, recommended to get 25 extra incase some are not registered voters in Dayton. We can also request a public hearing.

Discussed the fact that Saco has just improved a school/public playground area and funded through their "Capital Improvements" campaign, is this something that could be done in Dayton? Monies are available through the Capital Improvements Fund would the Selectmen be willing to look into this avenue so that our tax payers don't continue to be "hit"? Tax payers will be making contributions through Appeals Campaign.

Does our town have a 10 year plan?

Check to see if a Parks and Recreation budget for 2013 can still be submitted. Was the money approved to in the yearly town budget?

Voted on and Approved purchase of basketball backboard and new rims and nets.

How much are we looking to raise for the first phase of the playground area improvement.
Voted on and Approved \$35,000 to purchase structure, (still asking town for \$25,000 towards this)swings and woodchips. As funds grow we can purchase more equipment i.e.: teeter-totters & stand alones
Lowe's Grant? Will look into dates

INFORMATIONAL TABLE AT ELECTIONS:

Jen H. will create an information board to have to Elections on Nov. 5th and Nov. 19th, also will have at Trunk or Treat.

Jen H. will create labels for water bottles with our logo, purpose, facebook link

Jennie to get donation jar.

Jennie and Shannon to man table during election day, Arelle and Jen H. take afternoon shift, Jocelyn?, Jenn and Shelly and/or Ryan take evening shift.

50/50 tickets? Do we want to have 50/50 drawings at events? Jennie to pick up tickets to have on hand.

Banner at playground, to be discussed at future meeting

Public Info:

Facebook, After seeing Saco Parks and Recreation Playground Committee Facebook Page a Dayton Playground Committee page was created. Thank you Shelly for creating this page. We should send update info and pictures for frequent updates. This page will provide current information and important dates and messages for all who are interested. Want our page active! Look more into setting up an account with town for paypal donations? What would this entail?

Continue having Town send out emails with updates and meeting dates and times and places.
Town Website to continue to have Parks and Rec info as well.

Fundraiser with Little League

Brian approached us when leaving last selectmen's meeting to see if we would be interested in a joint fundraiser with them. Yes we are! Looking to book Juston McKinney for a comedy show. Ryan will call TA to see if we could use their auditorium or even gym for this event. As soon as we get yes or no from TA we will contact Juston for available dates/times.

Bulletin Board:

Arelle is going to get a bulletin board for the town office. Dana will build easel for large goal thermometer for outside for all to see and small one will be included on bulletin board.

Discussed meeting place:

We don't mind meeting at the Town office if that is what is preferred by the Selectmen, but Harris Farms does work out well for those of us that have to bring younger children. We have toys and a play area for them as well as a tv and couches for those a bit older.

Next Meetings:

October 21 @ 6pm, Selectmen's Meeting @ Town Office

October 22 @ 6pm, Parks and Recreation Meeting, meeting place to be announced. (this meeting will focus more on the "recreation" end of the committee.

Jim and Angela please be sure meeting info is posted and emailed. Shelly please update on your end.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm