

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 10/22/2013

Board Members present:

Ryan Sommer, Arelle Harris, Jennie Metcalf and Jim Morin

Others present:

Yvonne Shaw

Meeting started at 6:05 pm

Ryan gave an overview on Rec Committee goals, long and short term including having a part-time rec director, paid through rec programs money. This position would pay for itself.

This meeting was mainly to discuss adding programs for all ages to enjoy and to go over a budget. Rachel was not able to make the meeting so we didn't have good numbers for the basketball budget. Arelle will contact her to try to pull these numbers together for next meeting. Arelle will also mention league pictures to her.

We did touch base on the Selectmen's meeting from the previous night, 10/21. Apparently after having our Appeals letter approved as well as fundraising approved and after the public forum was over and all Parks and Rec Committee members had left it was decided that we were not to have a collections jar. At our meeting on 10/7 Selectman Scott Littlefield had suggested a donation jar. Also an email was sent to Arelle stating that the Selectmen would like to see the wording of the appeals letter changed. How can this change happen after the letter was unanimously approved by all 3 selectmen in our presence??

Per Angela's request of appointing one contact person:

Ryan will be our contact person. Any concerns/comments from the town hall are to be sent to him through email or phone calls. He will then communicate with us and get back to the town. Hopefully this will also help the rest of us be able to go to the town office for personal business and not feel that we will be questioned.

Jennie did speak with Gerry by phone on the afternoon of 10/22 explaining that we did go into the meeting on the defensive because our members are getting different information every time they walk through the doors at the town office, even when there on personal business like she was the previous week and then was asked by Angela to step into her office. The entire committee was made very well aware of her town office visit to pay her tax bill and her entire conversation with Angela.

Jennie did discuss with Gerry the possibility of getting a representative from the company that the current play structure was from to come out and give us a list of fixes that must be done immediately. This information may already be on file with the rep. as he completed a walk through last year with DCC officers. As soon as this information is available we will be sure to give a copy to the Selectmen for items to be approved

and purchased so that there are no broken, missing or loose pieces. Jennie did request that this money come out of some sort of maintenance account not current recreation account. Gerry said we will discuss further when we have the list but that he did understand that concern.

Gerry will also be double checking with the other selectmen about having a donation jar available at the elections with contribution cards as well to keep track of monies donated.

Jennie did try to make contact with Selectmen Littlefield as well. Voicemail was not set up on the cell number that was called and call at the house number listed did not go through either.

Jennie has called Dig Safe and they will be out this week to check for buried lines especially around the cement pad that is to be removed. They will also check where the new structure, swings and independent pieces will eventually go.

Basketball rims/nets are in. Installation will take place in the spring.

Can we get the selectmen to do a "site walk" so to speak with us one afternoon at the current playground (or when rep is out or after we have "to do" list available from rep) to discuss how we can make the current area ADA accessible. We want to improve this play area as well as work towards a new area for everyone to be able to enjoy for years to come. If we remove some beams and fencing, this will create accessibility, make repairs and touch up areas with paint will make the entire area more appealing and address the safety concerns.

Brian P. called Jennie this week about possible fundraiser with LL. He is concerned about the comedy show not bringing in enough to cover venue and comedian and having enough to make it a worthwhile split. He is making inquiries on a space in Biddeford as well as checking on fee's for Juston. Ryan will be speaking with TA about space there.

RECREATION!!!!

Current Recreation Programs offered in Dayton:

K – 6 Basketball

Pre k – 3 Soccer

Programs we would like to see offered in the future in Dayton to include all age groups:

Kids:

Soccer for grades 4 – 6

Touch A Truck

Volleyball

Mad Science

After school Programs first focus grades 5 – 7?
Game Sessions, different games offered for a 6 week session
Example; kickball, capture the flag, ect.

Horseback
Crafting
Summer program!
dance

Teen Group:
Get them involved in being ref's
Coaches helpers
Babysitting Course
Red Cross basic first aid
Horseback
Craft night
Fly fishing
Group leaders for summer program
dance

Adults:
Co-Ed Basketball
Volleyball
Soccer
Softball/baseball
Walking or hiking club
Horseback
Craft night
Garden club
Fly fishing
zumba

Trips:
Sea dogs
Portland Pirates
Foxwoods
Oxford casino's
Hiking trips
Water country
Skiing
Skating

Family/Group:
Outdoor movie night

Summer program
Bike safety
Swim lessons

-(YMCA)
Hunter safety course
-Guns
-Archery
BBQ

Program Fee's, keep affordable

Educate ourselves on each program we want to offer.

Need to have a cost analysis for each program and know that sometimes you will make money, sometimes lose and sometimes break even.

Group brings program and suggested cost to Selectmen, they decide on final numbers.

How to get residents informed?

Send home fliers with the school kids

Create a Dayton Parks and Recreation Website (look into myrec.com)

FaceBook (look at Saco)

Newspaper

Direct mailing

Emails

Can we use "Survey Monkey" to ask residents what programs they would like to see offered??

We could also contact other area rec departments to see if they would like to offer something together?

How available is the Community Room?

Our goal is to have 4 or 5 programs ready to be offered come spring. We need to look into broad range of activities.

Low-cost will be a big seller.

Arelle has emailed Nikki with thoughts on having table at the DCC Holiday Fair. One side of table will be informational on playground project and other side of the table will be informational on recreation activities. Also a sheet could be available for people to write down what they would like to see offered. Possibly even offer a small craft for kids to do while parents visit with Parks and Recreation Committee Members.

Going forward meetings will consist of first 20 to 30 minutes dedicated to Recreation programs and budget, remaining of meeting will continue to focus on playground project.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30

Important Dates:

Informational Table at Trunk or Treat 10/25

Selectmen meeting Nov. 4th (discuss through email who might attend)

Informational Table at the Polls Nov. 5th

Next Meeting: Nov 12th @ 6 pm @ town office in Community Room

Selectmen's meeting Nov. 18th, important meeting! Will be a show of hands to approve the appeals letter to be mailed out.

Informational Table at the Polls, Nov 19th

Meeting with CMP 10/24/2013

Those present:

Jennie, Raymond Cressey from CMP and Jim Roberts

Ok... so I met with Ray this morning from CMP and Jim Roberts as well. The pole is not being moved. The 2 guide wires that are there now are to be removed and then replaced with just one guide wire where the stake is in the ground.

I showed him the meter box that is a concern for some on the pole out behind the cinderblock building and he gave a few suggestions:

put foam around the edges

said we could build a box around it to the ground but can't cover the meter, need direct access to that.

we can have underground wiring put in from the big pole to the cinderblock building and do away with the pole the meter is on and that guide wire, and the meter would then be located on the cinderblock building. we are looking at costs around \$300 for CMP and would have to pay an electrician maybe \$700 unless we could get one of our area electricians to volunteer time/services.