

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes November 26, 2013

Meeting started at 6:05 pm

Board Members Present: Ryan, Jennie, Jocelyn, Jim

Committee Members: Nick W., Jenn K. Yvonne S.

Ryan Welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the Playground Check with Joel from O'Brien and Son's.

Joel said that we can repaint the structure with a high enamel metallic paint, which we can buy locally. We should replace one step that is rusting and has the protective coating coming off. If/when we modify the structure it will not disrupt the integrity of the structure and we can add play panels at anytime. Looking into a price for the "bridge" as it may last another 1 to 5 years. When the time comes to replace the slide we are looking at \$5000 to \$6000 for what is there, he suggested a straight slide as kids like that better. He is also going to price a new climbing net as that is in rough shapes with lots of rust, it is also missing a u-bolt.

Joel gave us several books and being local we can get together anytime to go over different items that we want in the new structure and he can have the design team put something together.

Minutes from last meeting were approved. Jim suggested and we all agreed that everyone be responsible for printing off their own minutes, it will be a huge savings on both ink and paper for Jennie.

Treasurer's Report:

Parks and Rec Account: \$1928.40

Playground Fund \$299.10 3 donations came into the town office this week! ☺ One couple rolled their change and donated that totaling \$56.00

Jocelyn has been working on more grants. She has submitted another for a Lowes Took Box For Education valued at \$5000

One for Maine Community Foundation for \$10,000 and is working on an application for the Narragansett Number One Foundation out of Buxton. She is looking into other grants as well.

Old Business:

Rec Inventory: we will have Arelle put together a list for Soccer an inventory for Basketball will be done once the season starts in just a few weeks.

Volunteer Forms: these were handed back and corrected with just one name per sheet.

Holiday Fair: Arelle will be manning the table, giving out a small take home craft for kids. Jennie spoke with Nikki about donuts and her suggestion is to package in bulk quantities to sell so as not to take away from 5th grade bake sale. Also she will be checking with Little League to see if they will be offering muffins & coffee first thing, if not then yes we can sell donuts & coffee to vendors.

Jennie will ask Nikki to have Sue Sydnor's table, P&R table and M.Y. Crafts near each other so that Sue and Yvonne can help Arelle out if she gets really busy. Also Nick W., Jocelyn and Jenn K. will be floating around and hopefully can step in when needed.

Would be nice to have an "upcoming event or activity" on the poster at the fair.

Cribbage: we would like to get this going on an afternoon that the town office is open. Yvonne will look into availability of the Community room. If held on a Thursday, Jennie can be around to run it and after March 1st will have more availability during the week.

We all love Arelle's idea of having a kids craft/movie night where parents can drop off for a few hours and do last minute shopping or wrapping. Jennie will look into the availability of the gym. We discussed time of 6 to 9 with a cost of \$5 per child or \$10 per family for 2 hours and if they would like the full 3 hours \$7 per child and \$15 per family. We will discuss this more through email and then have a small planning meeting as soon as we know if there is space available.

New Business:

Towns EIN: Jocelyn was able to get this

Thank You notes: Shelly is working on creating a "Thank You" postcard

Fundraisers:

Warming Hut at Harris Farms. We can sell food and drink, especially chili and hot chocolate and baked goods. Easy way to make lots of money. WE all agreed that we would love to and be willing to do this through the winter especially Martin Luther King Weekend as well as Feb. Vacation. Have Arelle get a list of available weekends so we can have a signup sheet at the fair, some people may want to help out but may not be able to make meetings.

We need to have Arelle check to be sure Harris Farms is insured for use to be there as group volunteers.

Heating Oil Raffle: this would be a great fundraiser to do spring/summer for next year's heating season.

Month long calendar: this would be another great way to raise money. Lets look into getting 30 or so donations of items and/or cash for this event. Sell calendars through the spring and have drawings daily for prizes.

Could also look into selling tiered raffle, either cash or prizes like Red Sox Tickets, Bruins or Patriots and Celtics tickets. Also Pirates, Red Claws, Sea Dogs

Not sure that we could do water/snacks at basketball. The coaches try to keep that out of the gym, definitely worth thinking about for soccer season!

Lets try to have a Shoot-A-Thon this basketball season. (Jennie thought about this after leaving meeting, we could order a trophy for the player with the most baskets for each age group or medals)

Work Place Jeans Day: Shelly has created a flyer for this. We will get one to Nick D. incase it's a go at his work place. Jennie will get flyers and approach different businesses such as Market Basket, Hannaford. Anyone else willing to do this? If everyone could volunteer to take one to their bank that would help out as well. Ryan will look into Saco Honda...

Nick W. will send Jennie info on Scentsy Fundraiser. Charity Harris is a consultant and works at Dayton school and feels we could do very well with this. Jennie will talk with Charity and ask for details.

Yvonne asked for additional contribution cards, Jennie will get these to the town office. There is also some in the blue folder hanging on our bulletin board. She asked that we keep her updated on programs being offered so when people call or stop in at the town office she is ready with the info. We will be sure to do this! Went over the Playground Priority List, will add "sign" to that list.

In December we will work on Program to be added next year.
In January we will work on a budget to be submitted in February for the 2014 year.

We will have Sue do her Kick-Starter Presentation at the Dec. 16th Selectmen's meeting instead of Dec. 2nd

Table at the Polls on Dec. 10th. Who will be available to be at our table?

Jennie day time

Shannon??

WE will email to determine our next meeting as soon as we know if/when the gym is available. We will shoot for Friday Dec 20.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25