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Lancaster Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

- Recreation Director: Christa Duprey
- Recreation Committee Members: Johnna Doyle, Winn Clark, Ted Manning, and Katie O'Riorden
- Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Field Subcommittee: Elizabeth Cahill, Matt Hourihan

Meeting Agenda:

- Public Comment Period
- Scheduled Appearances and Public Hearing
- Treasurer's Report
- Recreation Director Update
- Recreation Committee Update
- Old and New Business
- Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting Summary:

Meeting called to order at 7:16 pm

Public Comment: No public comment

Scheduled Appearances: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Recreation Director Update:

- Men's Basketball
 - Consider changing the number of participants to 20 and raising the cost to \$25.
 - Christa to email contacts to Johnna
- Softball
 - Girls' softball registration is up on the website
 - Schools will send out information to parents on Dec. 12.
- Ice Rink
 - Consider sponsor for ice rink- possibly lawn or plow companies.
 - Rink has arrived. The frame is set up, the creek is ready to use. Will possibly be finished the weekend of 12/10.
 - Signage costs about \$15/sq. foot.
- Programming
 - Christa is trying to establish set times for use of facilities.
 - Christa will reach out to schools with programming ideas. Young Rembrandts looks like a program we may want to bring in.

- Looking to implement a walking group that starts at the school. It would be a drop in program, but participants would be asked to sign up just to let others know how many will be participating.
- Will look into a card scanning log in to track participation. Perhaps a QR reader would work.
- There is an outdoor fitness area at the school. Idea to offer a class after school hours.
- Friday night skate suggestion. Would include a bonfire, music, possibly the local cable for sound system, and hot cocoa.
- Hire local students to facilitate skate night.
- There will be no hockey on the ice rink; it's too dangerous with little kids there. If implemented, would need to have a set time or would need to clear out if others arrive for free skate.
- If allowing hockey, could make goals from pallets for "pond hockey."

Recreation Committee Update:

- Cook conservation walk was successful!
- Skiing
 - The schools will continue to run the program. We have GPS and get free passes accordingly that are donated back to the school.
- Baseball
 - Little League has almost a full board in place.
 - Will be changing the website to free website program.
 - Scheduling for the fields will be done on the Little League website- youth and adult softball.
 - Will need to reserve fields to guarantee use.
 - Spring cleanup is to be done in April. Will ask sheriff's department again for help.
 - DPW provided trucks to dispose of leaves last year. Little League will ask for that again this year.
 - Ted will provide a maintenance plan that will include information as to what should be done monthly to keep up fields for best maintenance.
 - Last year Matt provided Johnna with a man hours list that accounts for some payment to Lancaster Recreation.
 - Adult league registration
 - Christa to send an email in March to Chris Cornelius to see if teams are still interested. He will send email to teams.
 - Will use the same form from last year.
- Winterfest
 - Winter fest will be on February 4th this year.
 - A Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Field sponsored event
 - Lancaster Recreation will do events and offer use of the rink at Winterfest.
 - Christa will email the flyer to Ben Cahill and the Thayer Field Foundation to edit for publication.
 - Activities in the past have included: Broomball, tug-o-war, chili contest, art exhibit, kid craft activity, Daddy Iditarod, snow ball launcher, snowman contest, snowshoeing bonfire, etc.
 - National Honor Society volunteers from the high school have offered to work at Winterfest.

Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Field Update

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- Depending on price, will wire lighting to accommodate for possible future use.
- Will put lights in for basketball and tennis as well as safety lighting.
- Will look to put trails in wetlands and woodlands area.
- Win reached out to Koontz and is waiting to hear back.
- The committee is considering ways to regain lost trees.
- Details will be added back into the plan for the community members to see all that could be included when the park is complete.
- Next steps
 - Find a date for the Public Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Field informational meeting
 - \$350 for registered letters to same population as planning meeting.
 - The meeting is to be advertised on the Lancaster Recreation town website, Facebook, the newspaper, PTO, etc.
- The suggested public forum date possibilities will be Jan 30,31, and Feb 2.
 - The committee will finalize a "typical use" schedule so town members can see how often it is likely to be used.
- Chief Burgwinkel will help to answer questions about traffic and other town information.
- The committee is trying to address all concerns of the townspeople.
- Win will get in touch with Liz Carbone about Real Estate information regarding surrounding property values.
- The goal is to be on the agenda for the Planning Board on February 27.

Old and New Business

- Indoor Soccer Program
 - Sharon Basteri is interested in doing an indoor soccer program.
 - Atlantic Union College has a field house that could host two games.
 - It would run from 6:30 – 8 and they would hire four students for coaching.
 - 30 - 45 minutes for skills training, 45 minutes scrimmage.
 - 6 week program
 - Ages: 4th through 6th grade
 - 4 coed teams of 7 players
 - Days of week- Monday or Thursday are best for Atlantic Union College.
 - 2 courts once/week for an hour and half - \$75 for court. (\$50/hour)
 - \$50 per player for six weeks
 - Suggested dates would be January 12th (Thursday) through February 16.
 - Sharon Basteri will be the parent in charge.
 - Will aim to get information out to schools to be sent out in December 12th email.
 - Flyers will be posted in Bolton, Stow, and Clinton to pull in more players.
 - Christa to make e-rec registration for soccer and contact AUC about using the facility on Thursdays.
 - Will need a minimum of 15 players to run.
 - If enough kids join, t-shirts can be purchased for them.
 - Christa suggests that Lancaster Recreation have a logo.
- Red shed needs organization. We'll put that on the list with the field priorities for spring.
- Which walks do we keep for next year? We'll talk with Jeanne when she is here next meeting to decide.
- Christa can apply for a grant to look for lacrosse equipment.
 - Committee would like to know if we can just use the money for pickup games or if we have to make a league.

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- Flag football possibility for programming. Johnna says that there is already a league that runs at the high school.
- Johnna will show Christa how to reserve a field online.
- If you go in under Lancaster Recreation, then there is no charge.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Johnna makes a motion to approve minutes; Win seconds. Katie to send in for posting.

Meeting Adjourned: Johnna makes a motion to adjourn; Win seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Next meeting is to be held on January 3rd.