

# **Lancaster Recreation Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1/3/17**

#### **Attendees:**

- Recreation Director: Christa Duprey
- Recreation Committee Members: Johnna Doyle, Joe Kennedy, Win Clark, Ted Manning, Jeanne Blauner, and Katie O'Riorden

#### **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 7:07pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- 22 men signed up for the men's basketball league
- Next year, \$25 per person so we can make the \$500 we agreed to at start of season.
- Coed Soccer League: will extend date through the 10<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of more players to run the program. Currently only 5 players are signed up.
- Johnna makes a motion to approve the budget, Win seconds. Budget unanimously passes.

#### **Recreation Director Update:**

- Rink
  - o Rink has been used over vacation.
  - o Rain has smoothed out surface. Will try to pump out of creek to be ready for next week.
  - o Issue with the cost of signage. Coming in over \$100 over the original amount budgeted due to reflective material used for the sign. Without reflective material, \$161.11 for both signs- Open/Closed sign and Rules.
  - o Christa will reach out to the police department and will then update the sign to have a contact number or email.
  - o Need brooms or shovels to keep at the rink for snow removal.

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- Christa will check with Larry Shoer about any brooms or shovels that are to be recycled.
- Soccer
  - Will talk to Jim McCarthy about reaching out to the players of LYSA regarding the new soccer program
  - If enough players register, we need to advertise for coaches (temp/seasonal/part-time.) Coaches are paid at a Grade 1 from the revolving account.
- Massachusetts Parks and Recreation
  - Christa would like to join.
  - Joe makes a motion to pay for Christa to become a member- \$100.
  - Win seconds. Unanimously approved.

### **Recreation Committee Update:**

- Full Moon Walk scheduled for George Hill at 7pm.
  - Christa will reach out to the Trustees of the Reservation (Dexter Drumlin) for permission to walk and have the bonfire. She'll also need to let them know that we will need to drive a vehicle to the top of the hill. Then, she'll let police and the fire department know that we are authorized to have the bonfire.
  - Christa will get the word out to newspapers and social media.
  - Snow permitting, there will be sledding, snow shoeing, and hot chocolate.
- Skiing
  - We have 2 bronze passes and will give them to the school to use as they'd like.
- Baseball
  - We need a list of maintenance needs to properly care for the ball fields. Ted will provide.
  - Christa has reached out to Clinton to ask how much it costs them to care for their fields.
  - We will need to talk with Matt Hourihan about annual cleanup to determine what jobs need to be done and who will be doing them. We'll need to contact the sheriff's office about help with clean up, as well.
  - Win suggests that Christa reach out to Judy Janda of Sterling Recreation.
  - Most of field cleanup will be done at Thayer Field. Matt and Little League are responsible for the maintenance at Mill St.
- Skating Night
  - The Boy Scouts would like to sponsor a Skating Night at the rink.
  - Suggested date: January 21.
  - Win will reach out to Fire Department.

### **Old and New Business**

- We still need to schedule an open meeting and planning board meeting.
- Park in Shirley MA is a nice example of a well done park.
- Winterfest will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 3:30pm.

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- We no longer have the grant for making the beach handicap accessible.
- Noreen is looking for another grant so we can still make the project a reality.
- To get the grant, we need a firm set of plans. Noreen will ask Paul Linek to create them.
- Improvements to be made if we do not get grant money may include new picnic tables, paint, etc.
- Will still look to the Eagle Scouts for help with beach improvement.
- Next year, we'll seek out donations from local garden centers at the end of the season in October.
- Joe will reach out to those that worked at the beach last year to see if there is interest in returning. We will need to begin looking for replacements should anyone give a definitive "no".
- New possible activities for the beach this year might include a recycled boat race and/or mini-triathlon for kids. We may want to consider a "dog night" at the beach. We'd need 2 attendants to work.
- School is currently scheduled to close on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Need to decide on an opening date for the beach.
- Swim lessons have been in the morning in the past, we need to see if there might be interest in a night time swim lesson, around 6-7pm.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- Jeanne makes a motion to approve; Win seconds.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Joe makes a motion to adjourn; Win seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting is to be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.