

Town of Newington, NH
Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 24, 2021 at the Town Hall

Meeting started at 7:10 pm

Present: Laura Stone, Rebecca Navelski, Dana Nowell, Bill Blatt, Jarrad Savinelli, Jillian Semprini

Minutes Approval:

Laura S. moved to approve the minutes of May 3rd, 2021. Dana N. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Camp Newington:

- Several candidates were interviewed for Camp Newington
 - One director, three full-time counselors, and two part-time counselors were hired
 - Part-time counselors are guaranteed a minimum of 100-hours for the 9-weeks of camp
- 36 children have been registered for camp and 4 children are on the waiting list

Dana N. moved to accept the 4 children on the waiting list only if they are Town residents. Bill B. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Camp schedule:
 - Monday: Director choice
 - Tuesday: YMCA in the afternoon
 - Wednesday: Onsite Activity day
 - Thursday: Library day
 - Friday: Director choice
- YMCA:
 - The pool will be available to Camp Newington from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm; outdoor activities will be available to the children after 4:00 pm
 - Children will be bused to the YMCA
 - Parents will pick up children at the YMCA until 5:00 pm
 - The bus cost is \$213/one-way per week
 - The cost to use the YMCA pool is \$45/hr for one lifeguard; \$90/day per week
 - Total cost for the YMCA is \$2,727 for 9 weeks
- Onsite Activities:
 - Kat J. has contacted vendors for the following onsite activities:
 - 6/23: Magic performance/workshop with take home kit = \$950
 - 6/30: Rocket building = \$750
 - 7/7: Traveling Farm = \$540
 - 7/12 to 7/14: Ninja course = \$840
 - 7/21: Flying High Dogs = \$440
 - 7/18: Foam party = \$750
 - Total onsite activity cost is \$4,270

- Budget for weekly events:
 - Weekly = \$1,500 per week
 - Total = \$13,500 for 9 weeks
- Total cost for the YMCA and Onsite Activities = \$6,997 for 9 weeks
- Dana N. provided results of the google survey that was sent out to the parents; 8 people responded
 - The general consensus of the survey was to provide activities and experiences that are currently being planned for the camp

Laura S. moved to approve the cost for the YMCA and Onsite Activities. Bill B. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- Bounce House Inflatable Slip and Slide
 - Discussed the purchase of the inflatable slip and slide for use during the camp
 - Cost = \$1,200 for 25' long x 6' tall x 9' wide
 - The committee decided to postpone further discussion of the slip and slide until next year to arrange for long-term storage and maintenance
- Scheduled Dates:
 - Monday, June 14 – Group training with the Director, Counselors and Town
 - The director and counselors will meet with the Fire Department, Police Department, Library staff, and legal staff
 - Thursday, June 17 – Meet and greet with the parents, Director and Counselors
 - An email will be sent to the parents prior to this meeting

Disc Golf:

- The holes are currently at the Old Town Grove and are in boxes at the BBQ pavilion
- The potential location of 9 holes have been mapped out around the perimeter of the field
- Rebecca N. noted that Ken Latchaw has offered to make the signs

Movie Night:

- State regulations require a permit to hold movies outside; \$250 per movie
- The Library has a grant from the State to host two movie nights; Tuesday, June 22 and Tuesday, July 20 at dusk
- The Recreation Committee will co-sponsor the two movie nights with the Library; movie night will need to be advertised by the Library
- Laura S. and Bill B. have volunteered to attend the Tuesday, June 22 movie night for the Recreation Committee

Septemberfest:

- Scheduled for September 18
- There are only 2 to 3 Board of Selectmen meetings to receive approval for budget spending
- Budget: \$5,000
- All vendor contracts will need to be sent to Eleanor Boy

- Current vendor costs:
 - Tony Mack Band: \$1,000
 - Fireworks: donated by Jarrad S.
 - Firework Insurance: \$300
 - Tent: \$500
 - Pony Rides: \$500
 - Climbing Wall: TBD (new vendor)
 - (2) Bouncy Houses: \$619

Laura S. moved to approve the current vendor costs for Septemberfest. Dana N. seconded the motion. All in favor.

- The Recreation Committee needs to take inventory of Septemberfest supplies (grills, lights for the band, etc.)
- A public notice will be posted (newsletter, website, and Facebook page) for volunteers to assist in building the stage for the band
- Jarrad S. will discuss firework logistics with the Fire Chief and if a fire detail will be required

Next meeting Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall following the meet and greet with the Camp Newington director and counselors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Semprini