

Newington Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 7/26/17

Present: Members Bob Dell Isola (BD), Jack O'Reilly (JO), Darryl Brown (DB), Jarrad Sevinelli (JS) (non-voting)

Meeting called to order by at 7:00

Committee Positions: Moved by DB and seconded by JO for the following Rec Committee positions for the next year: Chair Bob, Vice-Chair-Jack. Motion was approved 3-0. There were no nominations for Secretary. This will be done at the next meeting. JO agreed to take the minutes.

Minutes: Tabled

Budget: Each line item of the town approved budget was reviewed. It was agreed to no longer purchase movie passes since they are rarely being sought. The bottom line is on track. JO noted that nothing had been charged yet to the summer program since in the past the YMCA had requested a 50% deposit.

Tennis Courts: there is a large and growing crack in the courts. JO reviewed them with the court contractor who followed up with DB. Cost for a 3-year guaranteed repair to the court and nearby basketball court would be about \$8000. It was agreed that the repairs should be done this year with unused money currently in the budget. If that is not available, then we would use funds in the Rec Capital Reserve fund and start saving for an eventual complete replacement in a few years. DB will follow up on this.

Ice Skating Rink: We have one proposal in hand (Phipps Landscaping) to spread town-supplied loam and seed. JS will try to get us a second one. If the new one isn't much lower than Phipps we will go with him since we have had satisfactory results from him in the past. This was decided and approved by a 3-0 vote of a motion by JO and second by BD. Moving the rink liner to storage by the town was discussed as being a requirement to proceed. JO will discuss this with the Town Administrator.

September fest: There was much discussion about the event.

- Climbing wall, Bounce House, High Striker and tent rental were approved from a list prepared by member Martin Callahan.
- Food amounts will be the same as previous years
- JO recommended a survey box for residents to give suggestions for this event and others they would like to see Rec sponsor in the future. He has the lead.
- Martin will provide a tug-of-war rope and sacks for races.
- JS will again donate fireworks, apply for the permit, provide insurance and manage/execute the event. He will also get us glow sticks from a vendor he knows.
- Pumpkins for decorating, pie eating, face painting and balloon figure making will be included if possible. A "corn hole" game will be provided for adults.

- Various groups were discussed for providing music. JS and JO have the lead.
- JO suggested BINGO for adults. He will look into it.
- Pony rides had a lengthy discussion. Should they be eliminated to better balance adult and children's activities? Can we reduce from 2 to 1 pony? For now we will see how other expenditures play out and what Martin can negotiate.

Summer Program: There seems to be a lot of complaints from parents about the program this year. We will try to get these comments provided to us and have a meeting with the YMCA after program completion.

Next Meetings: 8/29/17 @ 7:00PM for September fest preparations and regular business. Future meetings discussed would be for September fest debriefing, budget preparation, future programs and holiday party.

Adjournment: At 8:37, moved by JO, second by BD to adjourn. Approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack O'Reilly