

BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 6, 2015

Meeting called to Order 7:05 PM

In Attendance: David Kane (Chairman), Anthony Ferrante (Vice Chair), Kathy Jones (Secretary), Ann Bere, Lynn Findlay, Anne Helgen, Jensen Lozano, June Howell (Management Liaison), Jay Marcotte (DPW)

I. General and Ongoing Business

- **Underwood Pool- Review of Season**

1. Membership- Belmont residents would prefer no or minimal non-resident passes. Non-residents would like to see non-resident passes continued.
Possibility of Weekend only passes
(Discussion tabled for separate meeting)
337 resident and 15 non-resident passes sold this season
2. Fees- Swipe cards vs. Cash handling. Increasing membership fees. (Discussion tabled for separate meeting)
3. Maintenance- expenses for pool this past summer were minimal. Expenses expected to increase next year
Custodian all-day
Cleaning service Contract
Utilities for 1/3 season
Paper towel vs. Air dryers- Pool Committee to revisit. Several issues with backed-up toilets and paper towel disposal
Improvement in WiFi service FIOs vs. Copper Wire
4. Budgetary items- Expenses for pool and revenue were reviewed
5. Punch list- There is a long punch list. Everything on the list is being addressed
6. Vending Machines/Snack Bar- Room for 4 vending machines. Lean Box- gourmet vending machine an option. (Discussion tabled for separate meeting)
7. Programs- swimming lessons, special events being investigated (Discussion Tabled for separate meeting)

- **Tennis Court Study Review**

1. Meeting this Thursday- working group on Tennis court usage in town
2. PQ repair out to bid-expected date to begin repair in Spring 2016
3. Belmont Hill Continued usage at PQ for free

- **Recreation Program Coordinator Position Filled**

Heidi Barbiero from Waltham-comes with Belmont S.P.O.R.T. experience

- **Summer Programs Review**
Not discussed at length (return to Agenda)
- **Recreation Department**
Restructuring
Changes TBD
- **School/Recreation Relationship**
 1. Fractured schedules
 2. Unused fields
 3. Fees for usage
 4. Higginbottom Pool scheduling change
Lost public swim time but gained time for Dolphins
BATS escalated pricing in effect
 5. Meeting to be set up between school, recreation department and youth sport groups to investigate field usage
 6. Fernald School Pool closed
Loss of time for the S.P.O.R.T program and seniors
 7. Consolidation of programs for rec department and seniors

II. New Business

- **Viglirolo Rink Replacement Proposal**
 1. Belmont Youth Hockley presentation to school Committee 2 weeks ago. Purpose was to see if feasible to move forward with a plan. General sense was a positive one
Plan presented included a full rink, half rink and a fitness center, parking
Rehab old vs. build new
Location of building- over existing or move to behind gas station
More TBD
- **RFP for Recreation Department Study**
 1. Big Picture look at recreation and school fields, usage, programs, fees, youth group usage, etc.
 2. Study went out to bid Sept 1 with one vendor responding
 3. Time for study will be increased and second round bids are under way

III. Administrative

Meeting minutes from June 9th reviewed and accepted
 Future meetings scheduled
 November 10th (Underwood Pool Issues)
 November 17th (General Session)
 Meeting ended 9:40 PM

