

Minutes of the Meeting of the Belmont Recreation Commission
February 25, 2014

Present:

David Kane, Lynn Findlay, Jensen Lozano, Ann Bere, Anthony Ferrante, June Howell

Absent:

Katy Bonnin

Youth Hockey:

Erica Carere from Belmont Youth Hockey wanted to discuss rate increase at the rink. Long hockey season- September through April. Teams ages 6 through high school. Over 400 members. Each member pays \$1500 for the hockey program. Program has grown significantly. Girls program has been brought back to town. Hope to bring back Belmont High Hockey at some point. Two teams going to the state finals this year. They use about 400 hours of ice per year. Would be an increase of \$10K next year. Other towns (Waltham and Watertown) charge \$215 an hour. Simple changes around the rink should be done to improve the conditions at the rink. Can we get the prison cleaning crew in there multiple times during the season. DPW is responsible for the maintenance of the building. Who is taking care of the facility? No toilet paper in the bathrooms. The Youth Hockey Board is considering using the school's scoreboard, is it possible for BYH to use the scoreboard? We have given youth hockey more time than ever. We have cut lessons and open skate times to accommodate Belmont Youth Hockey.

Baseball meeting:

A landscaping design project discussion was proposed by Ralph Jones if there is money in the budget. Many of the neighbors do not want the batting cages. Neighbors are concerned about parking. They want open space. BYB wants to build two batting cages right near the tennis courts. The commission feels a permanent structure would be safer and more beneficial to the town. Temporary structure would get damaged. June to check with David about doing a presentation about the cages.

Underwood Pool update:

Selectman putting the proposal for the new pool on the ballot. \$5.2 million is the number. On the ballot for April 1st.

Revenue:

After the BYH invoice is paid, we will be about \$4K ahead of last year. Even with all of the Dolphin refunds.

Dolphins Refund:

73 families asked for refunds. \$5300 in refunds.

Swimming Lesson Refund:

\$1700 refunds.

Summer programming: Membership tags will be sold after we figure out whether or not the pool will open.