

Belmont Recreation Commission

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Minutes – March 12, 2019

In Attendance: Anthony Ferrante, David Kane, Marsha Semuels, Kathy Jones, Cortney Eldridge, Mary Bradley, Ann Beré, Jon Marshall, June Howell, Heidi Barberio, Chris Costello

Craig White & Charlie Conroy (soccer) & Pete Noone (baseball)

Welcome to Cortney Eldridge, new Commission member and to Jon Marshall, Assistant Town Administrator/Executive Recreation Director

Jon spoke of meeting people, getting to know the town and its needs, enterprise fund, fiscal year 20 budget.

Administrative

- Minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup> approved.
- Heidi told of a partnership grant from Waltham called "City Block Grant". She will be applying for this Grant for the amount of \$5,000 to offset part time person. This amount is for the number of Waltham people who come to the Sport program. Commission voted to approve applying for this Grant. Approved unanimously. The Grant will need to be applied for every year.

Financial

- Revenue Opportunities
  - Tennis courts – should private groups be allowed to get courts (by hour price - \$35 hr)
  - Private schools paying \$25 hr
  - Suggested that permits would help to show how much the courts are used
  - No HS courts now. Leaves 4 courts each at Grove St, PQ and Winn Brook
  - Court are not monitored, nor are permits needed now
  - Some complaints about non-residents using courts. No issues now, Will revisit if there are problems.

- Courts have no signage now. Signage may help with people getting permits. This can go on the message board so people know what the policies are.
- Motion to approve renting out courts as long as there are courts available. Approved.

#### Belmont Youth Soccer & Belmont Youth Baseball

- Charlie Conroy stepping down and Craig White taking over.
- Fields are tight in the fall because of light. Harris field can be used when available
- Would like Recreation to consider renting spot lights for fields. Soccer would contribute. This would help with the time practice can be held as it starts to get darker, early in the fall. High School uses fields until 5. Lighting would be a zoning issue to begin.
- Pete Noone- loss of fields. Baseball uses HS varsity, Jv and Hittinger fields. These will all be lost with the new school being built.
- Baseball fields are the first to go and last to get back. Just have Grove Street for now.
- Trying to get fields. May use Belmont Hill. Cannot use Bentley.
- Summer season starts June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no home games. They are looking for places for practice fields for next 3 years.
- There are soccer and baseball practices 7 days a week.
- Field conditions are a concern (reseeding, maintenance, etc) as they will be heavily used with the loss of fields. Maintenance of fields will be a concern with the usage.
- Frank will govern whether the fields are okay to use. Soccer and baseball will work with Frank for whether they can plan/use field or not.

Pete Noone said thank you for the donation of the hockey rink for a Sled Hockey Fundraiser

#### Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

### Underwood Pool

- BAT team will use pool for practice 3 days a week. Worked out a schedule. Same price as they pay the high school \$2205. \$10 a lane (\$50 an hour for school). Monday – Saturday, early morning. Will finish month of July. Motion to approve fee. Motion approved.

### Tennis Court Rental

- Tennis court rental Belmont Hill. 3/25 – 5/2 3 courts at PQ \$500 per location for a total of \$1,500, 2 – 6 pm Motion to approved. Approved.

Donation to Foundation for Education: Looking for a donation to their auction. Recreation donates a summer pool membership each year.

Next meeting talk about signs and anything else there was no time for.