

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Commission September 21, 2009

Attending:

Stephanie King, Ann Bere, Dennis Rocha, David Kane, John Owens, Andrew Levin, Lee Slap

Absent:

Laurie Carlson, Betsy Lipson

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 pm

To begin, the Commission welcomed 3 new members, David Kane, John Owens and Andrew Levin.

Review of Summer Programs:

- Underwood Pool enjoyed a successful season despite being rain delayed many times at the beginning of the season. Membership sales improved dramatically after the weather improved.
 - Two special events were held this season, a summer blast off co-sponsored by DARE, Inc. and a celebration of Belmont's 150th anniversary. Both events were very well attended and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

An incident at the Higginbottom Pool which occurred during the summer was discussed and zero tolerance policy was reviewed.

The summer sports and activity programs ran very well, with attendance at an all time high at the KIDS and Pre-school programs due to the offering of swimming lessons included in the program.

The Red Sox Fantasy Camp for Kids was very successful and produced additional revenue for the Recreation Department and the School Dept. as well.

- Thirteen teams completed play in the Recreation Department's league, with close to 200 participants. Orchard Park Grill and the Bombers won the Championships in their respective leagues.
- The SPORT program had a successful summer of programs and social events concluding with a cruise for athletes and families in September.

School Year Program Preview:

- The upcoming school year programs were discussed. There is a change in the school year swimming lessons schedule due to lower than average attendance in the past 2 years. This will be reviewed at the end of this school year to gauge the success of the program.
 - The rink is scheduled to open October 31st, with an opening Halloween event and the 2nd annual Food Pantry Benefit will be held on November 20.
 - The Youth Center will begin on Friday, September 25. This is our first full year running the center.
 - The Director was instructed to check on the permits and process for submitting them with the School Administration.

Projects:

- There are plans to involve the Town Administrator and the Selectmen on tennis court repairs this fiscal year.

- A discussion was held on the potential problem with geese at the Underwood Pool. The Director will monitor the means by which other Towns are tackling this problem and their success.

Financial:

- Revenue through August was reviewed. The totals are ahead of last year's figures by approximately \$18,000. Last year's total was also reviewed. That total was \$650,995. This total was achieved despite a decrease during the month of June over last year's June revenue of approximately \$30,000. due to the dismal weather this year.
- The Fire Dept. has informed us that we need to purchase an updated defibrillator for use at the rink and Underwood Pool. This expense was not anticipated and so not included in the 2010 budget request.
- Due to current economic conditions the Commission voted to reduce the seasonal rate for advertising businesses at the rink to \$500. this season

Administrative:

Due to the fact that Commissioner are mixed in which nights they would like to meet, it was decided that the meeting dates will be split between Monday and Tuesday nights for this year.

The meeting concluded at 8:52 pm