

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 12th 2014 at 7pm

Attendees:

Katy Stedman, Chair
Assaunta Ternullo, Member
Rick Elderman, Member
Patricia Guevin, Member
Mark Heitz, Selectman
Michael Garczynski, Fundraising Representative

Summer Camp Wrap-Up

The summer camp was discussed. Katy talked about higher attendance on a weekly basis, and the fact that expansion and facility renovations could contribute to future increase of camper attendance. Ray Quinn, owner and operator of Quinn's A-Z Property Repair Services LL (Kingston, NH 603-642-4384) has volunteered his services in potential repairs if provided the proper materials. Katy discussed adding a field on the opposite side of the parking lot for field games which would replace the shaded tree area. Katy discussed adding an area of tar for the use of a basketball hoop. The tar area, if approved would be no larger than the size of a half court.

Action Item: Meet with building inspector, to discuss potential renovations and necessary items needed for renovating.

Look into pricing for addition of a tar area, and cost of creating a field.

The commission also discussed adding a ninth week to the duration of the summer camp in 2015. The camp has been open for eight weeks throughout the summer for at least the last ten years, but it has come to Katy's attention (through interaction with camper's parents) that a ninth week would be a huge bonus for their children's summer care. It was suggested to add a question about adding the ninth week next summer in the online survey to be sent out to parents.

Action Item: Propose adding a ninth week to the board of selectmen.

Add question about additional week in online survey.

To wrap up topic of summer camp, Jeff Gleason had suggested to Katy in a meeting prior to the commission's for her to create an online survey specific for parents who sent their children to Kingston Recreation throughout the summer of 2014. The survey will cover items that the selectmen had added to their survey. In addition to a question about adding a ninth week of summer camp and whether or not parents would be willing to participate in a fundraiser through the commission with the goal of purchasing and installing a commercial grade play structure at the Community center (24 Main st, Kingston). A copy of the online survey is provided at the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BWCZCV9>

Action Item: Create Survey, and compile feedback collected from parents.

Halloween Event

This year there will be a combination of both a carving contest and a costume contest. Local businesses will be approached about possible contributions for event prizes. The event will be held at the town hall if there are no scheduling conflicts. The idea is to have residents vote on

carved pumpkins while entering the town hall. Age groups defined for contests: 0-5, 6-9, 10-13. There will be first, second, and third place prizes for both costume and pumpkin contests. Along with contest there will be halloween themed activities and crafts provided. Advertisements will be posted on the website sent to both the elementary school and middle school, and sent to both the carriage town news paper, and the eagle tribune.

Date Saturday November 1st (1st choice) Saturday October 25th (second choice), both starting at 6pm.

Action Items: Schedule event through the town hall.

Send out advertisements.

Purchase crafts.

Purchase prizes.

Fundraising proposal from MG Sports- Michael Garczynski (239-980-0560)

The commission will now begin to sell discount cards at various town events to help contribute to fundraiser for the new play structure. Will each card sold there will be a 55% profit. Attached is the example of the fundraiser that will begin during the halloween event.

Action Item: Continue to work with MG Sports and get print outs of subway fundraiser for future events.

Miscellaneous Items Discussed

Yearly additions to the playground was proposed. Research into playgrounds no longer being used to obtain various additions to a new playground; Smiley school leftover parts. Fairground playground repairs, complaints from residents about the safety of the dated playground.

Action Items: Look into possible outlets for various parts for the playground.

Determine extent of repairs needed for improvement of the fairgrounds playground.

Patricia Guevin discussed conversations with residents about frustrations with the beach at the community center; garbage on beach, no place to dispose of garbage, larger holes being left on the beach could pose possible danger for residents using the beach after hours, and clothing being left there by campers and counselors after summer camp on a daily basis. Residents have also requested that the gate should be closed on a daily basis. Residents have discussed the water markers that are in the water and their worn out appearance.

Action Item: Place garbage can on the beach.

Clean up water markers for future use.

Next meeting: September 4th 2014 at seven pm, in the Recreation center (24 Main St., Kingston).