

Northfield Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm

I. Call to Order

- 6:34pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum determined
- Present: Josh Roman (JR)— Chair; Bob Emberley (BE); Courtney Lawler (CL); Chelsea Depault (CD); Stacy Bond (SB) joined the meeting at 6:40

II. PVRs Weight Room

- Pat Holloway invited to join meeting. Pat has helped with making the PVRs weight room available to the public (pre-COVID). Discussed making this program available again. Pat willing to help with this again.
- Plan is to open it on Tues & Thurs from 6 to 7pm Nov through Apr. Pat would receive \$30 an hour stipend for her work.

- Laura Frye joined the meeting at 6:40pm

III. Minutes

- 8/3/2022 meeting minutes reviewed and approved. **CD Motion CL second Unanimous**

IV. Chair's (JR) Report

- Porta-potty in place at NES. L&L fencing will put in a 3-sided fence by mid-October. Cost \$1,368.00
- SB made motion for these funds; CL second; Unanimous**

- CB noted that there is \$22K in revolving fund

V. Director's (SB) Report

- Soccer team shirts finished and will be in shed for coaches to give to players
- Shirts left over from past year to be distributed to players for free. **SB made motion for these funds; CL second; Unanimous**
- SB gave CD soccer payments and various receipts
- Soccer end of season jamboree set for October 29th.
- Discussed the town's purchase of Kiwanis Park. Town working in grants. Agreed that the 6 acre parcel would be beneficial for recreation and open space.
- SB asked CD to confirm with town officials the amount in revolving fund.**
- SB suggested using the West Northfield playground for softball. This would require funding to improve the playing field. **SB will pursue this with the West Northfield playground committee**
- Library bonfire and corn-hole tournament set for October 21st and Rec. Comm. will collaborate with this activity. **BE will see if we have corn-hole equipment for the event.**
- Cheerleading Program discussed. Megan MacDougall will lead this activity. SB said it will start during basketball season. Discussed if there would be enough room in the NES gym on sideline for a cheering squad to stand with spectators. Agreed that this would be difficult, but that the cheering squad would be able to do routines and lead cheers during timeouts? and in-between quarters of the game.
- Discussed the use of the larger Warwick gym for basketball and other activities. Distance from Northfield may make this a challenge and not desirable.
- Discussed ongoing exercise class at NES gym on Tuesday 6-7pm. All is going well with 10-15 in attendance. SB suggested \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.
- SB and CB will check with town treasurer regarding the best way to pay Laura Rooney (who is leading the class) the \$35 per night. Noted that participants need to sign waivers.

- David McCarthy (carpenter) will provide an estimate for the repair of the shelving in the shed and to repair the dugout.
- Discussed the possibility of getting an announcement board for Rec Com activities, etc. set up in the town hall. **SB to look into this.**
- SB continues to work on getting MyRec.com website set up for event and sport registrations
- Discussed end of the year soccer party. **Each team will plan its own event on the final night of practice.**

VI. Director's Position

- Discussed the need to fund more hours for the directors position and to present this to the finance committee.
- At present funding is for 30 hours a month at \$19.55 an hour for a total of \$7,038 per year. Director's work takes more hours a month than this.
- Agreed to present a request for 19 hours per week (988 hours per year) @ \$19.55 per hour for a total of \$19,315.40 per year for the director's position. This would be an increase of \$12,277.40 for this year.
- SB will present evidence need to finance committee.**
- BE made motion to increase pay for director to 19 hours per week at \$19.55 per hour. CL second. Unanimous with SB abstaining**

VII. Treasurers Report

- CD gave update on rec commission funds

VIII. Community Preservation Committee

- BE (Rec Comm liaison to CPC) noted that the CPC reviewed its by-laws and is preparing for this year's public information meeting regarding CPC grants. He mentioned that research is being done on the use of funds set aside for community affordable housing

IX. Other Business

- SB to submit her letter of resignation from the committee and we will present Laura Frye to fill the open spot on the Rec Commission to the Select Board. **SB will look into the process for this.**
- All commission members enthusiastic to have Laura join the commission.
- Adult soccer on Mondays going well. Plan is to continue to provide weekly sport pick-up activities for adults through the year. **BE to head this up.**
- Discussed the possibility of a Rec Commission sponsored fall trip/event. **JL and SB to look into the possibility in lieu of a trip to provide community/family passes and or discounts for an area corn maze.**

X. Schedule next meeting and adjourn

- Next meeting set for Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm
- BE motioned to adjourn. Second CD. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned 8:00pm**

Action items and/or actionable motions highlighted **GREEN**