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Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

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Name of the board, committee, or commission: Northfield Recreation Commission

Location of meeting (physical address): 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360 in the EOC room

Date and time the meeting convened: 12/07/2022 at 6:30pm

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) – Chair; 2) Courtney Lawler (CL); and 3) Laura Fries (LF).

Members absent: 1) Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair, 2) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer.

Others in attendance: 1) Stacy Bond (SB) – NRC Secretary/Director

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1) Call to Order

A) 6:37pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.

2) Citizen Input/Guests

A) None

3) Review and approval of minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

A) Motion made to approve minutes from Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 by LF, seconded by CL, vote all yea.

4) Directors Report

A) We came back to the directors report after going through the line items first and if there was anything extra to add, SB would add in here:

1) Nothing extra.

5) Chairs Report

A) Nothing extra.

6) Pickleball

A) Committee agreed to pursue Pickleball. SB will order supplies and set it up as a weekly free adult activity and see how it goes.

7) 2023 Schedule

A) SB still working on the schedule for the year. Decided on Aug 12<sup>th</sup> (rain date 13<sup>th</sup>) for the 350<sup>th</sup> softball game at the West Northfield Playground.

8) Capital Project Request

A) None

9) Pool Advisory Group

A) LF will call about information for the pool at the Turners Falls high school.

10) Girls on the Run

A) JR still working on more information.

11) Summer Program update

A) SB will contact Jen Edwards/Cheryl George to see if still interested in running it this summer.

12) Basketball update

A) Practices just started on Monday and everything seems to be going well so far! In order to have an all-girls team, we chose to combine the Junior and Senior girls. Have two new coaches:



Theresa Tsipenyuk and Jon Hall. Scheduling was a bit challenging but have it worked out.  
Website was very helpful!

13) Cheerleading sign-up

A) Over 20 girls signed up! Pom poms are here (may need to order more)? First practice was today!

14) Treasurers report

A) CD could not make it, but did send an email update.

15) Fiscal year 2023 budget

A) Technically FY 2024, is due beginning of January. JR, CD, and SB need to meet to go over before vote in January meeting.

16) MyRec.com update

A) Seems to be doing well for registrations! Make sure to add it to next year's budget!

17) CPC update

A) Both BE and SB attended an info meeting for the CPC for CPA funds. To help the PTO secure funds for a pavilion that can also be utilized by the NRC.

18) PTO pavilion

A) A motion was made by CL to approve a recommendation letter from the NRC to the CPC in support of the PTO for funds to build a pavilion behind NES. Seconded by LF. All yea. JR signed letter. SB will deliver to Chair of PTO, Cheryl George. Also a contractor was recommended.

19) Adult pick-up basketball update

A) Good group of adults participated!

20) Adult exercise class update

A) Going well at NES in the cafeteria. Average number of people attending is about four.

21) Weight room update

A) Going well. Average number of people attending is about two.

22) Kiwanis Park update

A) No new update. In holding pattern.

23) Winter group outing to basketball and/or hockey game

A) Plan on a UMASS Hockey game on January 15<sup>th</sup> vs. UNH. \$10 per person general admission.

B) Also, a women's UMASS Basketball game February 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12pm, \$6 each.

C) JR will organize and be contact for these games.

24) Cross Country Ski at Northfield Mountain update

A) CL will follow up. Was waiting to hear back.

25) 350<sup>th</sup>

A) Local resident, Chip Ainsworth, had an idea about playing a softball game: Deerfield vs. Northfield. SB will follow up with Deerfield's 350<sup>th</sup> to see if they like that idea.

26) Outdoor Ice Rink

A) Have discussed this idea before. Like the idea, but logistically difficult, also a 52x100' Ice rink is approximately \$6,500. Maybe discuss with NMH about their ice rink? A skate day? Idea tabled for now.

27) Indoor Soccer late winter/early spring

A) Committee liked this idea a lot from Bernardston RC, but had some logistical questions: Do we really need referees? Should we charge less (\$10/kid vs. \$30/kid)? Worried about playing time with too many kids signing up and only five play at a time. It would be 6 weeks March to April. Juniors: 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> and Seniors: 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>. SB will email Jenn Stennes and ask the questions that were raised.

28) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance

A) Halloween Costumes: ideas for next year and where to store them?



29) Next meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall

30) Adjourn

A) A motion was made to adjourn at 7:57m by CL, seconded by LF, vote all yea.