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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: 2/1/2023 at 6:30pm

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) - Chair; 2) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer; and 3) Courtney Lawler (CL)

Members absent: Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair and 5) Laura Fries (LF) – Pool Advisory Group Coordinator.

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

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1) Call to Order and determine quorum

A) 6:44pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.

2) Citizen Input/Guests

A) None

3) Review and approval of minutes from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

A) Motion made to approve minutes from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by CL, seconded by CD, vote all yea.

4) Directors Report

A) We came back to the director's 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) Going so well, that need to add a Sunday 11am to 1pm time. Pat Holloway is the attendant for Pickleball. In process of switching her job description from the Weight Room Attendant, to Recreation Attendant so that she may cover multiple programs offered.

7) Pool Advisory Group

A) LF reported (via email) that she has Wednesday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4pm reserved at the Turners Falls Pool at the High School during vacation week as a NRC Open Swim time. Cost to cover lifeguard(s). Cost to NRC is approximately \$100.

8) Girls on the Run

A) Not enough time to pull together. JR will work on this for the fall.

9) Summer Program update

A) SB feeling frustrated at how long and tedious this process has been so far. Committee suggested a decision about whether to hold the summer program or not be decided at the next meeting in March.



B) CL wondered if we don't have the program, if we can offer a reduced rate campership at another local camp? Discussed the possibilities of Feb/April vacation programs.

10) Basketball update

A) CL is organizing a basketball clinic possibility with NMH in March. Both the Girls Senior team and the Boys senior team will play in the Vernon Tournament.

B) Bernardston Rec is offering a tournament for the Junior Boys team.

11) Cheerleading update

A) SB reports Cheer is going really well! Children got additional pom poms. Kids want to do Cheer longer. Thoughts of fundraising for uniforms. SB has talked to parents and gets positive feedback. Will ask Magen Macdougall to come to an upcoming meeting to see what next steps may be.

12) Treasurers report

A) CD still waiting for numbers, but says revolving around \$15,500. Basketball and Cheer brought in about \$2,000.

13) MyRec.com update

A) SB getting the hang of it. Very convenient if she can get everyone to register, including the programs that have a \$0 fee. That way can easily email people in case of a cancelation, etc.

14) CPC update

A) None

15) PTO pavilion grant

A) SB reports the PTO tried but was unable to get a contractor with solid numbers again, so could not submit for the CPC grant.

16) Adult pick-up basketball update

A) BE was not at meeting, but both CL and SB said it is going well! Wondering what the next pickup sport will be: softball? Soccer? Will ask Bob at the next meeting.

17) Adult exercise class update

A) SB worked with Laura Rooney on ideas for Dance Aerobics and starting Tuesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> will shift the Yoga/Pilates from 6-7pm to end at 6:45pm in the NES cafeteria, and then move to the gym (better floor) for Dance Aerobics from 7-7:45pm. Pay to Laura will be \$30 for Yoga and then an additional \$30 for the Aerobics class. SB wants people to register online, but still drop off the \$5 per class with Laura (for both classes).

18) Weight room update

A) Same

19) Kiwanis Park update

A) No new update

20) Winter group outing to basketball and hockey game

A) Hockey game was fun and successful. 32 people went! No one signed up for the Women's basketball yet. SB will advertise again.

B) Possible spring/summer trip to Woo Sox on June 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 game in Worcester. Maybe if certain number attend can try bus prices again?

21) Cross Country Ski at Northfield Mountain update

A) CL says all set and passes are at Dickinson Library. Thank you to First Light for taking care of it via donation!

22) 350<sup>th</sup>

A) SB reports nothing new for the NRC softball game. Haven't heard from Deerfield Rec yet. Maybe we rent Corn hole equipment from the indoor facility in Swanzey and hold a Corn Hole tournament if Deerfield doesn't come through.

23) Baseball/Softball field upgrades



A) JR reports that calls have been made but still waiting for numbers for infield material. Possible to ask Derek Shippa or Doug Depault for machinery to help move material. Rent a sod cutter from West County and do in 2 days? Late March/early April hope to be able to do this. Looking for a sand/clay mix with good drainage. Company that JR works for is willing to donate fertilizer but needs to look into this first if it's ok to do at the school.

B) CL wondered about creating a position for mowing, line painting, etc. SB will ask Andrea Llamas about maybe a part-time maintenance crew?

**24) Spring Sports Sign-ups**

A) NRC plans on doing baseball and softball once again. SB messaged Sue Fuller and she plans on getting the Softball league meeting together soon. Wondering who the softball coach will be.

B) A recommendation by Brian Winslow that maybe we can do a LaCross clinic in the spring?

Also CL mentioned pick-up soccer for the kids. Maybe too if there is no league games for baseball for the older kids, we offer a skills & drills instead and do games intramurally?

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

A) None

**28) Schedule next meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> (tentative), 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall**

**30) Adjourn**

A) A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20pm by CL, seconded by CD, vote all yea.