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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

Date and time the meeting convened: 3/1/2023 at 6:30pm

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) - Chair; 2) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer; 3) Laura Fries (LF) Pool Advisory Group Coordinator and 4) Courtney Lawler (CL)

Members absent: Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair

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

1) Call to Order and determine quorum

A) 6:32pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.

2) Citizen Input/Guests

A) None

3) Review and approval of minutes from February 1st, 2023.

A) Motion made to approve minutes from Feb 1st, 2023 by CL, seconded by LF, 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) SB asked Town Administrator about a possible part-time maintenance person and we determined with everything going on, let's at least wait until after the summer program.
- 2) SB created a NRC General Information handout to put at NES and at town hall.

5) Chairs Report

A) SB and JR attending a Finance Committee meeting on 3/6/23 to go over our 2024 budget.

B) JR wondering who is up for re-election for 2023: Laura? Bob? Chelsea? Need to get signatures and get on ballot. Contact Town Clerk.

6) Pickleball

A) Going great!

7) Pool Advisory Group

A) The open swim at Turners Falls High School was well attended and LF will look into possibly renting it again middle of April vacation. Discussion ensued about the cost as it was a bit pricey, although worth it. Maybe charge \$5/person? Or donation jar? Look into an eventing time for April. YMCA is cheaper but limited numbers that could attend due to the smaller size pool.

8) Summer Program update

A) After last meeting, Laura Fries stepped in to help get summer program going. We determined we need a Director, Assistant Director, and maybe three councilors (with max 50 kids/week). K thru 6th grade. 10:1 ratio of kid/adults. Will be four weeks in July 9am to 3pm with the first week only being 4 days due to the 4th of July holiday (will pro-rate it). Not sure on money yet. SB will

ask some teachers if interested in applying. Selectboard meeting on 3/7/23 regarding program and new jobs added. Will call it "Summer Program" rather than Summer Playground.

9) Basketball wrap-up

A) Basketball is mostly finished with a tournament still on for the Junior Boys team on 3/11/23 at Bernardston. Pick up basketball is on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 for month of March for 4th to 6th. NMH clinics are still happening just waiting on date/time.

B) JR would like list of volunteers that helped (with basketball and cheerleading) that haven't received a thank you cup yet: Scott Martineau, Brian Winslow, Kyle Bundy, Theresa Tispenyuk, Jon Hall, Magen Macdougall, Holly Stacy, John Buxton, Aaron Wing, and Jeroen van der Maat.

10) Cheerleading wrap-up

A) Coach Magen mentioned looking to add uniforms to Cheerleaders next and maybe a summer cheer clinic? Will be in touch with SB about next steps for cheer.

11) Treasurers report

A) CD discussed ledger history. Difficult to know exactly what balance is.

12) MyRec.com update

A) SB reports it is going well and glad to have it!

13) CPC update

A) BE gave email update since he couldn't attend meeting.

14) Adult pick-up basketball update

A) BE was not at meeting, but decided to extend the pick-up basketball now that there are regular attendees to the end of March from 6-7pm on Monday nights at the NES gym.

15) Adult exercise class update

A) SB reported that the Dance Aerobics is off and running! Four attendees at first class, hope it will grow as we get the word out. Will be weekly from 7-7:45pm during the year right after the yoga/pilates on Tuesday nights from 6-6:45pm at NES.

16) Weight room update

A) Last month for weight room. Will discuss switching it around a bit for November 2023.

17) Summer basketball 3 v 3

A) Brian Winslow had a handout (given by CL) to the committee on a proposal for a co-ed 4th to 6th grade 3 v 3 half-court games summer outdoor basketball league. Would be seven weeks and on eighth week will be a tournament. Two games per night, 6-7pm. How much to register? (Committee thought \$10/player or \$50/team?) How much to pay refs? SB said they are currently getting \$30/game. Parents to volunteer coach. Cost of medals? Maybe trying to limit number of 6th graders to a team for fairness. Committee said as long as Brian was willing to somewhat head it (with assistance by us of course), that we would be willing to do this!

18) Winter group outing to basketball game

A) 18 people made it to the UMASS women's basketball game at the Mullins Center! A good time was had by all!

19) Cross Country Ski at Northfield Mountain update

A) Due to lack of snow, today was actually the first day people could use the passes!

20) 350th

A) SB reports despite two emails and a phone call, Deerfield Recreation has yet to get back to us regarding a Northfield vs Deerfield 350th softball game. Alternate ideas? Maybe just two Northfield teams! Nine players per team. Adults only. Kids do a special activity on the side? Special t-shirts for players? Sign-ups needed.

B) SB also mentioned that the Parade Focus Group has proposed that the NRC kids that have participated in our activities walk in the parade on Sept. 30th wearing their NRC t-shirts. Need to

purchase some sort of banner of our logo with information on it. JR will organize the kids for the parade. Need to fill out a Parade form on the 350th website: www.northfield350.org

21) Baseball/Softball field upgrades

A) JR reports as a rough guess: \$50-\$60/ton for soil and will need about 33 to 35 ton (so about \$2,000 in material). Sod cutter is \$120/day plus tractor fuel, small dump truck. The guess is about \$3,000 to \$4,000 to do both fields (softball field at W. Northfield playground and redo the baseball field at NES) with volunteers.

22) Spring Sports Sign-ups

A) Baseball and Softball sign-ups will be online starting March 13th. SB spoke to Sue Fuller in regards to softball needs, costs, etc. and will be attending a league meeting soon!

23) Woo Sox trip

A) June 11th is the target for our next Woo Sox trip!

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

A) None

25) Schedule next meeting April 5th, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall

30) Adjourn

A) A motion was made to adjourn at 7:56pm by LF, seconded by CL, vote all yea.