

Town of Chesterfield Parks and Recreation
Meeting Minutes 9/15/2014

Present: Fran Shippee, Joanne Condosta, Tabitha Smith Siper, Dewey Auger, Deb Bokum, Elaine Levlocke, Eric Barnes, John Melvin.

8/25/2014 minutes read. Condosta moved to approve, seconded by Barnes. Motion carried and approved.

Treasurers Report: Shippee presented report. There was 15 less children this year in the summer program. Condosta moved to approve the budget. Barnes 2nd. Motion passed.

6:20 appointment. Diana Warhall

Warhall presented a letter to the commission regarding her program and the benefits to the town. Several parents and supporters of Warhall spoke, Sarah Garnell, Mary Greaves, Bruce Platt, Wendy Platt, Amy LaFontaine, Stephen Lowe. Warhall is WSI certified. She used North Shore beach for her service 25 days this summer. She charged \$60 per class for her students. Warhall inquired if a decision would be made this evening regarding her program being allowed by the P&R commission. Barnes explained it is not her Program alone that is being considered but rather the P&R commission is attempting to determine how to handle her and all outside parties who use town property for a private business and how to design a policy that is fair to the town and tax payers and the individual business owners.

Directors Report

Siper reported concession sales and ticket sales for the summer. She discussed a baseball program and additional information is pending. The possibility exists that swim lessons could be offered at Wares Grove if a section of beach is sectioned off. Siper has the names of certified swim instructors who could work for Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation had two families opt out of the summer program this summer as our program did not offer any type of swim lessons. Siper added that the cost of van to transport children from Wares Grove to North Shore for swim lessons could be investigated. Winter activities being explored; ice skating on the beach at Wares grove. Knitting in conjunction with the town library, quilting group with Condosta. Looking into the Town Hall space being used for such activities.

Fall activities. Field Hockey had 19 girls attend and play this past week. Former Chesterfield Students, now Keene High students, volunteer their time twice per week to assist the middle school students with skills, drills, rules and fitness training.

Concession stand equipment was purchased to replace broken equipment.

The Parks and Recreation Truck was inspected and estimated to need \$600.00 in repairs to make it road legal. Siper will contact Bob Goddere for further information.

Siper wanted to know what would be involved with renting out town property to a vendor for a private business. What is the town policy on that?

Siper will work with Shippee for next years budgeting requests to include background checks for volunteers. Some volunteers are having a hard time getting access to the State Police barracks for finger printing.

New Business

11/19/2014 meeting with the Budget Committee. Will review CRF's, Barnes would like a detailed list of itemized expenses.

Condosta asked that the commission write a letter of apology to the State of NH for providing mis-information regarding scholarships towards commission members. Auger questioned the need for a letter and explained the commission did not establish a policy regarding scholarships for members or residents. Melvin stated if the commission gave incorrect advice, the commission should make a correction. Barnes made the motion to send a letter to be drafted by Bokum. Melvin seconded. Motion passed with Condosta obtaining from the vote.

With no other business to attend. Condosta moved to close the meeting. Seconded by Melvin. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Dewey Auger

Chair Deb Bokum _____