

## BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING

January 16, 2019

Present: Bill Vosburgh, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Chris Daley, Tilo Schiffer, Wilbur Quirk, Brenda Aldrich  
Kyle Thibeault, Linda Racicot

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from meeting Dec. 12 were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the Nov. meeting, *Chris seconded, Tilo abstained and motion passed 4-0-0.*

### OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Rec had a suggestion to have a contest to name the disc golf course.

Kyle stated he walked the potential course with Pete from Pure Flight and Erica from Conservation and wet lands need to be finalized before moving forward. What is stated as wet lands on a town map are not wet lands and what is not stated as wet lands are wet lands. This process is going to take Conservation some time to walk the site pending the weather. Kyle added he cannot yet schedule a community night until the official design is complete. The Committee asked for an estimate when the design may be complete and Kyle is hoping to move forward by the end of February.

Kyle stated Pure Flight has contacted him and was originally donating \$1,500.00 and will now be donating \$3,700.00 towards the construction.

Kyle announced he has hired Weston & Sampson to design a complex in the old tennis court area. He will be meeting with them next week to discuss a design and submitting a park grant. Kyle wanted to be clear that if a PARC grant was approved, the town would cover total cost of the project and would then be reimbursed 68% up to 400,000.00. Kyle will have more information after he has spoken with Weston & Sampson.

Last March Kyle informed the Committee that the Skate Park had been shut down due to alcohol bottles being found on the premises. Since reopening, the park is being patrolled more often.

Last June Kyle informed the Committee that new light bulbs were added to the CHCS field and most lights were turned to face the softball field. It was recommended to review the Field Facility Usage form and add an additional cost for the rental of lights. Since, the new lights did not work well; the old bulbs were put back in. John is looking into the manufacturing of the lights and replacement.

Last September Kyle informed the Committee that he would discuss with Gary the Beach policy regarding the rule "proper attire has to be worn". Kyle will ask the new aquatic coordinator to update the rule wording.

Last November Kyle discussed submitting a CPA grant to construct a sidewalk from the CHCS parking lot to the football field. Unfortunately, the CPC stated they never received the grant. Kyle is looking into it.

### NEW BUSINESS

Kyle stated himself; Nancy, John & Linda interviewed four applicants for the aquatic coordinators position. He will be offering the position to MaryJane Furnia whom everyone felt had the most experience.

Streamline, Hartford, will be looking at the pool deck damage next week and access whether they patch it or cut out and replace the section. Kyle is asking the school to split the cost.

Cultural Council has asked the Recreation Dept. to again sponsor one of their three food truck events on the common this summer. Kyle suggested that the food truck events take place in the CHCS parking lot. There is more space and parking for the event.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

Kyle informed the Committee that the CHCS pool will be shut down for the month of July 2019. The school will be replacing an oil tank.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn. *Bill seconded, motion passed 5-0-0.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.