

BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING
September 20, 2017

Present: Bill Vosburgh, Tilo Schiffer, Chris Daley, Wilbur Quirk, Kyle Thibeault, Linda Racicot.

Absent: Brenda Aldrich Nancy Kwiatkowski.

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

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from August 23, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Under new business it was noted regarding the 5K run Sour needs to be corrected. SOAAR, Speak Out About Addition and Recovery. Tilo made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting, *Bill seconded, and motion passed 4-0-0.*

OLD BUSINESS

Kyle informed the Committee that he, Bill Vosburgh, LeeAnne Connolly, Steve Williams and Peter Charron, Pure Flight Disc Golf representative walked Piper Farms area. There are only a few large trees that need to be removed. There are areas of wet lands that will need to be avoided with include a parking area off of Springfield St. Parking may need to be considered at Jabish Brook Middle School across the street pending the course design. LeeAnne is asking for a course design so that Conservation can flag the wetlands. The design will cost \$1,800.00. It was suggested that the Committee travel to Monson to walk a disc golf course. The Recreation Committee recommended Pure Flight design a Disc Golf Course at Piper Farms location for the sum of \$1,800.00.

Wilbur stated B.O.A.A. (Belchertown Orioles Athletic Association) met and will be sponsoring a Corn Hole fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.

Kyle informed the Committee regarding the CPA grants, the fencing and dugouts at CHCS are complete. The varsity golf team is in the process of painting the dugouts as a community service project. The scoreboard has been ordered and should arrive by the end of October. The combo goals have arrived and will be positioned after football season. John will call for delivery on the trap dust once the grass has died on the track.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle informed the Committee the Recreation Dept. bought new lights for the CHCS Cronk diamond. He explained the existing lights are facing the football fields which are being used for football practices. Each time the lights need turning to face the diamond/football field, the cost is \$1,200.00. The Belchertown/Granby Eagles Football organization was asked to split the cost of the lights so that each field would be lit. The Eagles board voted against it. The Recreation Dept. covered the full cost. Bill recommended the Committee review the field facility form and charge additional for the cost of electricity.

Kyle stated he has been in contact with Pathfinder School to build a gazebo at the Town Beach. The school takes on projects; labor free, for hands on learning for their students. The school has approved the project for the cost of the material only. The gazebo would increase revenue by being rented out for private parties.

The Stingrays Swim team has asked for a donation, a discounted or free swim team registration to give away at the Belchertown Fair Stingrays booth. Kyle is unsure if it is a fundraiser for Stingrays and questions the ethics. Tilo recommended that a donation be given to Stingrays.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Suburban Basketball registrations are now being taken. The Recreation Dept. has been informed that several players from CYO will be trying out for suburban this year and depending on skill level and numbers, entering two teams in a division may be considered.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

It was suggested to schedule a future meeting of Wednesday November 8. Wilbur would not be able to attend due to the Corn Hole Tournament. Director would not be able to attend due to girl's recreation basketball evaluations.

Tilo made a motion to adjourn. *Bill seconded, motion passed 4-0-0.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.