

# BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING

November 15, 2017

Present: Bill Vosburgh, Brenda Aldrich, Chris Daley, Wilbur Quirk, Linda Racicot, Kyle Thibeault.

Absent: Tilo Schiffer, Nancy Kwiatkowski

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

## REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from October 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting, *Wilbur seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.*

Kyle received an email from Donna Spraggon, Stingray Boosters, asking that the Sept. 20, 2017 minutes be clarified. The Stingray Boosters had requested a swim team registration to offer a free drawing at the Belchertown Fair Stingrays Boosters booth. This free raffle was to encourage more interest in the Recreation Departments swim team program.

Kyle added, the winner of this free drawing did not register for the Stingrays program.

## OLD BUSINESS

Kyle stated he would like the committee to revisit the Suburban basketball policies at the end of the season.

Stated in the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> minutes, LeeAnne is asking for a Disc Golf course design so that Conservation can flag the wetlands. The design cost is \$1,800.00. The Recreation Committee recommended Pure Flight design a Disc Golf Course at Piper Farms location. Kyle has since learned because the Recreation Dept. has never run a program at the Piper Farms location, there is no line item and funds cannot be used from the revolving account. The committee discussed submitting a CPA grant for the design. Brenda suggested that a letter be drafted through Friends of the Rec. for sponsorship. Kyle explained a design is necessary to get approval for the project and donations can't be accepted until the project has been approved.

Wilbur stated B.O.A.A. /Friends of the Rec will be meeting soon. Unfortunately, the corn hole tournament planned for Nov. 8 was cancelled due to soccer playoffs. Kyle said he would forward the names of people interested in joining the group to Wilbur.

## NEW BUSINESS

The committee reviewed the application for use of outdoor fields. It was discussed adding an additional charge for the use of lights on the softball and football fields. Before a decision is made, Kyle will review the electric bills and inform the committee of the additional cost for running the lights.

Wilbur reviewed the CPA Recreation projects. There were projects that came in under budget and reminded Kyle that the funds need to be transferred back to CPC. Kyle said he was waiting for the scoreboard to arrive and planned to send all the remaining funds combined.

Bill stated that the scoreboard has been on back order for a long time and suggested asking for a discount.

Kyle said he has asked John to request a discount. \$4,150.95 will be returned to CPC.

The trap rock was delivered however DPW has been unable to spread it due to the weather. \$431.20 will be returned to CPC.

The Rec Dept. has hired Hastie Fence to set up the goal posts. If they are unable to complete the project in the next few days, Kyle will hire another company. \$2.60 will be returned to CPC.

The fencing is complete. \$1,524.00 will be returned to CPC.

Dugouts are complete and the Rec Dept. will pay to have them painted before winter. \$572.66 will be returned to CPC.

The Belchertown Stingrays Booster may consider submitting a CPA grant for a scoreboard in the pool area. Kyle is unsure if an indoor facility qualifies for a CPA grant.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

Our Adult softball season has just finished. Team JamrogHVAC is the 2017 champions. Lights along with major field renovations were made at CHCS backfield this season and the Rec will consider running a spring softball program. Kyle explained during the season there was an issue with Eagles Football, who rents the football field behind the softball diamond. Football participants were walking straight across the softball diamond during games causing a delay in softball games along with on an average of five cars driving over grass, and parking next to the football field. The Eagles league president was informed that car(s) may only be driven to the football field to drop off and pick up equipment; car(s) cannot remain on the field. Cars continued to park next to the field so the Rec may consider extending a fence to prevent cars from driving on the grass.

A new program is being offered. Youth Fitness and Athlete Development. The focus of the program is to reduce the potential risk of injury, increase strength and stamina of the primary muscle groups, and improve the participants anaerobic and aerobic energy systems in order to be a more fit and efficient athlete. This program follows a Long-Term Athlete Development model (LTAD).

High School Recreation Dare Basketball evaluations will be taking place on December 10, 2017.

There are 14 3rd-8th grade Recreational Basketball teams registered this season.

Christopher Heights is now renting office space in the Recreation Center.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

Chris made a motion to adjourn. *Bill seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.