

## BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING

Feb. 19, 2020

Present: Bill Vosburgh, Tilo Schiffer, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Kyle Thibeault, Linda Racicot,

Absent:, Nick O'Connor, Chris Shea, Steve Corbin

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes from meeting Jan. 8, 2020 were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting, *Tilo seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.*

### OLD BUSINESS

Kyle stated he went to the CPC meeting along with Brian Giggey to answer any questions the committee had regarding the Disc Golf CPS application submitted. The CPC committee had concerns with the course not be ADA accessible. Kyle explained a disc golf course typically designs 3 holes to be ADA accessible. Kyle told them he would look into the cost of adding that to the design.

### NEW BUSINESS

Kyle said Steve contacted the various Belchertown organizations to include them with a Positive Coaching Alliance training workshop. in updated the committee The committee had a conference call with Chris Fay, trainer & partnership manager Chris explained PCA is a national non-profit committed to developing better athletes, better people through training for youth and high school sports coaches, parents, student-athletes and organizational leaders. PCA includes workshops; online courses, monthly emails and books. PCA offered over 4000 workshops per year. Each workshop led by a PCA trainer gears to a specific age group and focuses on positive experience, confident, creative and development for coaches, parents or players. The cost of each workshop is \$1,000.00. Steve suggested 3 to 6 workshops over the course of the next year. Everyone felt focusing on a coach's workshop offered in the spring; fall & winter would be beneficial. Steve will contact the School and private organizations and invite them to attend the next meeting to see if they are interested in participating and would consider a shared cost. (Belchertown Recreation Dept., Cold Spring Soccer, Belchertown/Granby Eagles, Little League, Lacrosse and Belchertown High School)

### LIASON

Kyle stated he spoke with Nick last week and the Selectmen are in support of building a skating rink on the town common. Steve stated that the State School property was being considered and it's possible the hockey team would consider helping to create a rink. Linda said there is no running water at the State School and Tilo suggested asking the Fire Dept. for assistance with a tanker.

### DIRECTORS REPORT

Kyle informed the committee the pool was shut down for one day due to a flange coming loose. A plumber was called in to fix it.

Kyle and MJ met with the Amherst Swim Team and it was decided that Amherst would rent the CHCS pool on a yearly basis and would include Belchertown swimmers to participate in the US Swim Team at a discounted rate.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

Steve made a motion to adjourn. *Nancy seconded, motion passed 4-0-0.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.