

BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING

April 12, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from March 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Tilo made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting, *Nancy seconded, and motion passed 4-0-0.*

Wilbur Quirk arrived 6:45 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Kyle discussed the sponsored trip to Mohegan Sun Casino and a suggested a future trip to Foxwood Casino. The Senior Center is no longer offering trips to the casino due to the lack of interest. There is too much walking for the seniors so the Recreation Dept. would like to continue offering trip to the community.

Friends of the Rec. Richard and Jeremy will be reaching out to Chris Shea. Chris was interested in joining the Friends of the Rec. however was not able to attend the meetings. The Friends will also advertise in the Sentinel for anyone else who may have an interest in joining.

Lee Anne with Conservation walked Piper Farms and will let Kyle know the acreage available to create a disc golf course along with any concerns Conservation has.

Wilbur informed the Committee that all the CPA grants submitted were approved.
Brenda stated the grants will be on the warrant at the Town Meeting May 8, 2017.
Wilbur has a concern regarding the score board passing the vote.

Kyle explained to the Committee there is a need for cameras to be installed in Recreation managed facilities. For security reasons the facilities include the Old Town Hall, the Chestnut Hill Community School gym, the Recreation Center and the Town Beach. Joe Cebula has submitted a quote. The Police Dept. has donated three DVR recording systems to the Recreation Dept. Tilo thinks there may be a system installed at the High School outdoor stadium that is not being used and will check on that. Following up with the Computer Dept. in reference to tying into the town internet for the Beach location, the Computer Dept. stated there was no benefit and suggested setting up our own account.

Kyle met with the School Committee and a new agreement is being created regarding the management of the Chestnut Hill School gym and the Chestnut Hill School pool. He has not yet received documentation.

The Recreation Dept. has received the new online scan system cards for the beach and pool. Customers purchasing a season pass for either location will be asked to scan their card at the entrance.

The Recreation Dept. submitted a budget to the Finance Committee. With the budget cuts to the department last year, the budget was submitted with no additional changes.

NEW BUSINESS

BSC Group went to the condemned tennis court and will be submitting a quote to install a water park at that location. There is a concern regarding parking that would need to be address in the design.

The Belchertown Beach, Parks and Recreation General Policies were reviewed.
Nancy made a motion to accept the policies, *Bill seconded, passed 5-0-0.*

DIRECTORS REPORT

The 3/4 grade Recreational basketball league jamboree held in Belchertown went very well. Three of the four 5th-8th grade Recreational basketball divisions made it to the semi-playoffs.

Linda is in the process of creating the summer catalog. Several of the instructors will be returning with a few new programs as well.

Softball/baseball registrations are now being taken. The Sandy Koufax 7-9 grade registration numbers are low.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.