

BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING
August 23, 2017



Present: Bill Vosburgh, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Tilo Schiffer, Wilbur Quirk, Kyle Thibeault, Linda Racicot
Absent: Chris Daley, Brenda Aldrich
Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from June 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting, *Wilbur seconded, and motion passed 4-0-0.*

GUEST

Peter Charron and Jeff Fleury representing Pure Flight Inc. attended the meeting. After walking the Piper Farms site several times, Pure Flight submitted a potential area within Piper Farms for a disc golf course design.

- a large expense would be tree removal and it was discussed possibly involving DPW with that.
- it would be challenging to remove the invasive rose bushes however it was possible.
- recommended constructing a parking area near the Jabish Brook entrance. They explained participants want to arrive and immediately begin walking the course, it would not appeal to them to park at the town common and walk to the course.
- safety concerns in lower areas that need to be addressed with Conservation
- a benefit of cross country skiing and snow shoe hiking in the winter
- receiving a tee sponsorship for each hole of the course, creating leagues, tournaments, etc. the cost of constructing a course is considerably reduced

Overall, Pure Flight felt Piper Farms was a great place to design and develop an 18 hole course.

Nick O'Connor arrived at 7:15pm to hear the details of Pure Flights proposal and expressed his support to continue moving forward with this project.

Kyle will set up a meet with LeAnn/Conservation to discuss the wet lands.

It was suggested to look for grants to develop the course and to meet with Friends of the Rec to discuss fund raisers ear marked for this project.

OLD BUSINESS

Coaching and Team Policies were reviewed. On page 3, Bill asked to revise the wording.

Old: Any violation of specific league or program rules and policies will be at the discretion of the Recreation Director. (ie: Suburban follows their league rules and regulation with additional player and coaching contract)

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Revised: Any violation of suburban specific league rules and policies are subject to discipline according to their by-laws and possible additional discipline by the Recreation Director at their discretion.

Kyle stated that a policy will be added

Insert: There is no guarantee that the child of a suburban coach will automatically makes a team.

Bill made a motion to accept the policies with the changes discussed, *Tilo seconded, and motion passed 4-0-0.*

Kyle is in contact with the USC Group to design the area at the old tennis court area at CHCS and will submit a Park grant to update the concession/bathroom/storage building spray park and basketball courts in July of 2018. It was suggested to add the Patrick Center/Pavilion to the design when applying for the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle informed the Committee regarding the CPA grants, the fencing and dugouts at CHCS were now underway.

Kyle informed the Committee that there is a 5K run taking place on Sept. 9 on the Town Common hosted by Sour. The Friends of the Rec were invited to set up a fundraising booth on the common.

The Recreation Dept. is considering adding a gazebo/pavilion to the Town Beach property. This will increase revenue renting it out for birthday parties, etc.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 20 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

It was suggested to schedule future meeting dates.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th and Wednesday November 8th has been recommended.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.