

BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING  
November 14, 2018

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

Absent: Nancy Kwiatkowski

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

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from meeting Oct. 17 were reviewed. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes from the Oct. meeting, *Wilbur seconded, Tilo abstained and motion passed 3-0-0.*

OLD BUSINESS

Pure Flight Disc Golf has submitted a preliminary design for a course at Piper Farms. Kyle said that Erica from Conservation continues to work on a grant for the removal of invasive species. A neighbor adjacent to Piper Farms came in with concerns regarding the course being created next to property lines. Kyle said the designed course is 30' away from each property line. Once the design is finalized, Kyle, Erica and Pure Flight will schedule a community night to address all the neighbors' concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle informed the committee he will be submitting a CPA grant to construct a sidewalk to the CHCS football field. The Eagles Football team approached the Recreation Dept. this season with a request that a sidewalk be constructed to the football field. With all new fencing placed around the fields to keep vehicles off the field, there is no handicap access to the football field.

Wilbur announced there will be Friends of the Rec meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:00p.m., in the conference room at the Recreation Dept. Kyle was asked to attend.

Kyle stated the aquatic coordinator's position will be posted with a deadline of Dec. 20. Bill was recommended to attend the interviewing process. In the interim, Joanna, the Stingrays coach, has been filing in.

Kyle explained that the town put a committee of Dept. heads together, Patrick Center Committee, to discuss the open space where the Patrick Center was located. Kyle will be asking Gary to schedule a meeting and will present the Patrick Center Committee and the Recreation Dept. combine efforts to submit a Recreation parc grant for the entire area.

The Historical Committee has determined that the rock wall in that area cannot be moved.

DIRECTORS REPORT

CYO tryouts and evaluations for the Recreational teams took place and next season we will be combining suburban tryouts with CYO tryouts using outside evaluators.

Kyle explained he would like to review the basketball policies at the end of the season. He would like to see some changes made for next season. He feels drafting lacing players on teams should be skill based and not determined by age or grade. He would like to discuss putting a maximum number of players on each team.

Basketball includes:  
7 suburban teams  
3 CYO teams  
16 Recreational teams

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.