

BELCHERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION PUBLIC MEETING

Sept. 18, 2019

Present: Bill Vosburgh, Tilo Schiffer, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Chris Shea, Steve Corbin, Kyle Thibeault, Linda Racicot, Nick O'Connor

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from meeting July 24, 2019 were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting, *Tilo seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.*

OLD BUSINESS

Kyle reminded the committee a disc golf course cannot be constructed at Piper Farms. Erica, Conservation has determined most of the property is wetlands. Kyle, Erica and Pete walked Constantino field, a proposed area. Pure Flight has dispended however Pete would like to create a new design for Constantino. Pathfinder School has walked the area and will consider removing some underbrush and trees.

Nick asked if the \$10,000.00 ear marked for Disc Golf was still available. Kyle explained that it cost approximately \$2,000.00 to create a course design for Piper Farms and will cost another \$2K to create a design at Constantino.

Westfield Enterprises assessed the pool deck and determined it is not in any danger of collapsing and is not a safety issue. The cost will be approximately \$37,000.00. It was recommended to have it repaired when financially possible. The Recreation will fund 50% and the School will fund 50%. The School does not currently have the funding for this project. The plan is to repair the area next summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Two new members, Chris Shea & Steve Corbin were welcomed to the Recreation Committee. This five member committee meets monthly at the Belchertown Recreation Department. The Recreation Committee supports the department in its endeavor to advance, improve and promote recreational opportunities for our diverse community.

Members of the Committee reviewed the positions

July 1, 2019 – July 1, 2020 officer nominations are as follows:

Nancy nominated Bill as the new Chairperson, *Tilo seconded and motion passed 3-0-0*

Bill nominated Tilo as the new Vice Chairperson, *Nancy seconded and motion passed 3-0-0*

Tilo nominated Nancy as the new Clerk, *Bill seconded and motion passed 3-0-0*

Bill recommended Linda to take meeting minutes and was agreed upon by all members.

With new members present, nominations were voted for the following positions:

Chris nominated Steve as the CPC Representative, *Nancy seconded and motion passed 5-0-0*

Nancy nominated Chris as the Friends of the Rec liaison *Steve seconded and motion passed 5-0-0*

Nancy nominated Bill as the Conduct Board *Chris seconded and motion passed 5-0-0*

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The parking lot at the town fair was appointed to Christine Aponte. The Recreation Dept. did not have staff to work in the parking lot.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Suburban/CYO tryouts will be held the weekend of Oct. 19/20. Kyle explained Elms College men & women's basketball coaches will be evaluating players to determine their skill level.

It was suggested that Elms coaches evaluate a player's position as well as their skill level.

Basketball will be ranked accordingly:

A suburban team - the top 10/11 players

B suburban team – next 10/11 players

CYO team – next 11 players

Recreational team – Everyone who registers by the deadline date

Registration is now available for Stingrays Swim team to start October 15.

Next Recreation Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.