

BELCHERTOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2015

Present: Peg Louraine, Chris Daley, Bill Vosburgh, Rob Opalenik, and Linda Racicot, Ron Aponte
Meeting was called to order by Bill at 6:15 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from April 15, 2015 meeting could not be accepted due to Peg not being present at the May meeting to accept. May 14, 2015 Peg sent a written approval of the minutes to Linda. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Minutes from May 13, 2015 meeting could not be accepted due to Tilo or Nancy not being present at the meeting to accept.

COMMUNITY

>Rob stated that he wanted to make everyone aware of the article in the Sentinel regarding "Open gates at Foley". He reminded everyone that the fence and gate were placed at Foley field for security reasons. The gate is open during games and practices and locked after games.

OLD BUSINESS

- > Rob stated that all the testing on the front State field has been completed and no artifacts were found.
- >Rob continued, demolition to the dental trailer, infirmary and garage is currently taking place.
- >Ron added that the Historical Board has preserved some bricks to construct a walkway in the future.
- >Rob had said he was told by Bill Terry it would be approximately two years before the State school fields will start construction.
- >Ron commented that assisted living will initialize 3 ½ acres out of ten acres in phase one.

NEW BUSINESS

- >Rob announced he will be retiring from the Recreation Dept. July 10, 2016.
- >Bill stated that Austin field looks good and asked if there is a men's/co-ed softball team utilizing the field.
- >Rob said there is a Men's pick-up softball team using Austin and a co-ed Softball team using CHCS back field. The Recreation Dept. may consider organizing an adult softball team in the future.
- >Peg reminded everyone with her resignation, the committee will need a new CP representative.
- >Ron stated Nick O'Connor will be the Recreation Committees new liaison and to transition, Ron will come with Nick to the next meeting.
- >Ron asked where the Recreation Dept. stands in regards to the skate park.
- >Rob stated there would have to be several changes before the Recreation Dept. would consider managing the skate park. A monitor would be needed to uphold rules and safety precautions among other concerns.
- >Chris asked what happens presently, if someone gets hurt.
- >Ron answers the Town is responsible.

DIRECTORS REPORT

>Bill ask for an update on baseball.

>Rob commented there have been a few minor issues with parent complaints but no concerns. Co-pitch and T-ball has the same number of participants as past years and is going well.

>Rob informed everyone all of the summer programs have low numbers right now but as the school end of the year approaches things should pick up.

Rob stated that the pool will close on Aug. 14th to be drained, new tiles will replace tiles that are missing, re-grout, acid wash and fill the pool. This should be completed Sept. 15th.

>Bill asked why this would take a month.

>Rob said with the work that has to be done, filling the pool, getting the temperature back up and the proper chemical balance, they estimated approximately 4 weeks.

>Linda stated the Recreation Dept. has just launched a new web-site, offered free from Dicks Sporting Goods, which will allow the Dept. to expand with on-line service in the future.

>Rob said to register on-line is on hold with the town site due to an additional charge of 3.8 percent.

>Ron suggested that we touch base with Lisa for more information.

>Rob stated that the Recreation Dept. is now hooked into the town phone system.

BUDGET

>Rob stated that he is currently focusing on the end of the year budget.

It was voted 3 to 0 not to have a meeting in the month of July.

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

Chris made a motion to adjourn. Peg *seconded motion*, past 3-0-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.