

BELCHERTOWN RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2015

Present: Tilo Schiffer, Chris Daley, Bill Vosburgh, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Rob Opalenik, and Linda Racicot, Ron Aponte arrived at 6:08

Meeting was called to order by Bill at 6:00 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from March 18 meeting were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. *Chris seconded, motion passed 4-0-0.*

Minutes from the April 15 meeting could not be accepted due to Peg not being present at the meeting to accept.
>Rob recommended we ask Peg for a written approval of the minutes. He will follow up with an email to her.

OLD BUSINESS

>Rob stated for those who were not present at the April meeting, Peg has put in her resignation. Rob has offered to meet with Ann and make arrangements to advertise for Peg's position.

>Bill asked for an update regarding a new basketball court next to Jessica's Playground.

Rob stated that he and Linda will look into details for a CPC grant for the court.

>Rob stated, down grading Deb Dorval's position, the Recreation Dept. turned in \$6,000 in payroll to the town. Rob stated he is in the process of hiring someone for Field/Maintenance position for 37.5 hours per week and will close May 15.

>Bill asked if there was any update from Belchertown Pedestrian Planning Process. Rob said there was nothing new to report.

>Rob explained Representative State Contractor will be digging fifteen 2' x 2' holes to look for Indian relics between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.. The holes will be dug and then filled during that time. This will not affect field usage for our evening sports.

>Ron commented the Recreation Dept. will have use of the field this fall and possible next spring too.

NEW BUSINESS

>Ron stated debris is now being cleaned up so that contractors can look at the areas of interest. Demolition includes the garage, dental trailer and hospital.

>Nancy asked what the plans are.

>Ron declared the plan is for assisted living. Phase one Mass Development will bring a road in. Phase two, in the fall will be toward the north ridge line may be independent living, nursing home and geriatric unit. In the front, on State St. will be retail/offices/studio with a village atmosphere. Phase three, off to the north/east will be industrial.

>Rob stated, due to the mosquito threat that occurs each season, there will be no fireworks this year.

>Nancy declared the tennis courts need to be addressed.

>Rob suggested there is a need for an all purpose field.

>Ron affirmed that Jessica's playground is done. There is a proposal for a pavilion in that area however fund raising must be done.

>Nancy stated a sign should be posted stating recess hours.

>Rob voiced concern regarding port potties that are placed on the field for recreation sports programs. This may be an issue that will need to be addressed.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- >Rob affirmed the summer catalog has been distributed through the Belchertown schools and various businesses in town and gave each committee member a catalog.
- >Rob stated Spring Instructional Soccer is coming to the end of the season; Softball & Baseball has just begun.
- >Rob stated the Recreation Dept. is now prepping all the fields for the upcoming season.
- >Rob declared the Town Beach will be opening June 27, 2015.

BUDGET

- >Rob stated we will not be putting in for partial grant, just a CPC.
- >Ron addressed Rob regarding CPC for the basketball court. Ron feels with a letter of support from the Selectmen, the School Committee and in kind service support from DPW will help to get a CPF grant.
- >Ron added DPW received funding to remove the old wooden playground at CHCS and dispose of the material.
- >Nancy stated there is a time capsule in that area that needs to be removed.
- >Ron stated there will be a 2% cost of living increase in July.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. in the Recreation Conference Room.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.