

**New Hartford Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Members Present: Sally O'Neill, Arn Helt, Ed McCann, Joe Petrarca, Roxanne Helt

Members Absent:

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier

Welcome: Sally welcomed new commission member Roxanne Helt and provided an overview of the purpose and goals of the Rec Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Ed McCann made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016 meeting. Arn Helt 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Ed McCann made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016 meeting. Arn Helt 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Ed McCann made a motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2016 meeting. Arn Helt 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Opportunity For Public Comment: None

Financial Review: Financials were distributed and reviewed. An overview of each report was given specific line items were explained. There was a brief discussion regarding Rails to Trails project, Christy to check on amount of Recreation capital that has been allocated to that.

Old Business:

Summer numbers were reviewed, beach sticker sales, camp numbers. There was a significant increase in beach stickers sold over prior years. It was discussed that the increase was likely the source of complaints of the busyness at the beach, but it was reiterated that lifeguards need to stay diligent checking stickers.

Callahan Park – driveway stone had been put down several months ago improving the look of the parking lot. Backboards have been ordered and are waiting to be put up. It was agreed that the current poles should be replaced and new poles should also be ordered.

Stanclift – discussed the possibility of a combo pass between Stanclift / Brodie. Need to reach out to the Stanclift Commission to discuss.

Brodie House – questioned when demolition will be complete. Will look into.

Review Activities:

Christy reviewed current activities. New Line Dancing class has started at Brodie. Ballroom dancing is still running. Ski club will be running and has 41 sign ups. Drop in teen basketball has over 30 kids who have come, with approximately 16 showing up each week.

New Business:

2017 Fees – discussion about the Recreation fees for 2017. Ed stated he did not feel a need to increase the fees this year after several years of steady increases. Discussion was had regarding the increase in minimum wage and other expenses, but the consensus was the increased fees could be easily absorbed and not passed on to taxpayers. Also agreed that the canoe rack prices could remain the same and 2 additional racks would be added.

Arn made a motion to accept the fee schedule as presented for 2017, with no increase over 2016 prices. Ed 2nd. All were in favor, motion passes.

2017 Meeting Dates – there was discussion about the importance of getting a quorum to run meetings. The tentative dates, times and places for 2017 Recreation Commission Meetings were reviewed. The commission agreed that they liked having the July and August meetings at the park, but the meeting time should be made slightly earlier to accommodate the start of the summer concert series.

Ed made a motion to approve the 2017 Recreation Commission Meeting schedule as amended. Arn 2nd. All were in favor, motion passes.

Other Business:

Ed recommended that the New Hartford Parks & Rec should be a part of the CRPA, they hold annual and quarterly meetings that are beneficial to Park & Rec departments. Christy stated that we are currently a part of it, she had been permitted to go to the annual meeting, but would look into the quarterly meetings that are offered.

Pickleball has been discussed. A potential court site at Brodie was considered, but no action taken.

Christy advised the commission that the department would be moving from MyRec to RecDesk for the Recreation Management Software / website. It is a similar production, similar function, but a cost savings of approximately \$1000 per year.

Arnie Helt made a motion to adjourn at 8:45. Joe Petrarca 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Christy Tellier