New Hartford Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Call to Order: 5:13pm

Members Present: Sally O'Neill, Arnie Helt, Joe Petrarca, Roxanne Helt

Members Absent: Ed McCann, Mark McCarthy

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting were tabled.

Minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were tabled.

Opportunity For Public Comment:

No public comment.

Financials:

Reports were reviewed. Budget is within scope.

Activities:

Riverview Market – Farmer's market – going better each week. Commission discussed some of the community comments they've heard, as well as social media posts. It is still small and slow, but seems to be growing.

Camp – numbers remained low throughout the summer. August attendance seems to have increased, but the slow start with a late school closing and the holiday were difficult to recover from.

Beach sticker sales – sales are lower than last year, but higher than the year prior. Overall beach is running well, seems to be fewer problems than prior years. There was discussion of guest fees and the policy. It was agreed that we could offer a veteran rate at the same price as senior rates, but a more formal discussion would be had at a future meeting.

Other Business:

Correspondence from resident Gwen Steadman was presented regarding installation of bathrooms at Brodie Beach. There was discussion regarding the possibility. It was

unanimously agreed that it was likely to be a cost prohibitive project due to zoning and wetland regulations. The concept had been previously considered and estimations of cost at that time were very high. It was agreed that it was not something the Rec Commission would pursue at this time.

Old Business

Cyclocross event date has been set -10/21/17. Possibility of setting up food vendors.

Callahan – Discussion regarding paving of courts. Estimate of just under \$11,500 for an overlay and just under \$28,500 for reclaim. In order to have the area available for ice skating, would need curbing installed for an additional cost.

Capital money – current projects are on hold pending budget approval.

Discussion of the lowering of West Hill Lake – is being lowered further than anticipated due to dam repairs that are needed. Commission agreed that the waterfront updates are a priority. The scope of the project was recapped – estimating approximately \$15,000 that had previously been earmarked for the waterfront. Mooring area to be regraded to a natural slope to the water, installation of river rock along the water's edge to help with erosion. It was agreed that Dan would be asked to the next meeting to walk the area and confirm estimations of repairs.

It was agreed to wait on any repairs to Callahan, but paving and curbing was something the commission agreed on doing in the future.

Field House staining quote was received. Arnie stated he would like to approach Friends of Brodie to see if they can provide funding.

Cheer Mats – mats had been purchased with funds from the fundraising efforts. They are looking to purchase the bags for the mats. Joe said he would get more info regarding the request.

Triathlon occurred on July 16, all went well. Another successful event.

Roxanne made a motion to adjourn at 6:22pm seconded by Ed. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Tellier Recreation Director