

New Hartford Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Members Present: Joe Petrarca, Arnie Helt, Ed McCann, Jeremy Schaller,

Members Absent: Linda Aquavia, Mark McCarthy

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Opportunity For Public Comment:

None

Update on Old Business

Basketball court at Brodie – Arnie to be following up on crack in the court. Kids have been playing on the courts after dark and Ed suggested looking into lights. Arnie was opposed. Jeremy felt it might discourage illicit behaviors. Joe felt fine with it, but expressed concern about the impact on neighbors and the rules about parks being closed after dark.

Field at the field house – gate by the shop to be moved to the entrance to the field house. A kid on a motorcycle has been ripping up the fields. Dave Helt, highway supervisor, advised Dan Janco, police, to keep an eye out.

Recreation portion of the town audit went well.

New Business:

Tennis court at Brodie is getting overgrown. One court ok, but the other is not in good shape. Arnie stated that one isn't used as much as the other. Joe questioned the difference between our court and the ones at the Community Club, as theirs are pristine. It was felt that drainage, the amount of rain, and the changes in the maintenance staffing have had a significant impact on the courts this year.

Arnie expressed concern about the parking lot at Brodie. Will speak to the highway department about getting the grader up there to resurface.

Berkshire Hall rental this past weekend left the exterior messy. Park maintenance had to spend an hour cleaning up. Picnic tables were moved around and garbage cans were not empty. Ed

confirmed there was a large party. Discussion ensued about how best to determine fees for clean up and exterior cans being emptied. Ed stated he felt there should be a system for checking after rentals for cleanliness.

Arnie stated there was a grub problem at the field at Berkshire. He would be taking measurements to provide to a fertilizing company for pricing. Also a significant grub problem at Browns Corner. Jeremy recommended contacting Green Lawns. All safe chemicals are used.

Jeremy asked about the entrance signs at Brodie. Corina Hughes from the Friends of Brodie was in process of designing new signs.

Financials:

Financial were discussed. Joe asked the Commission to begin thinking about the next budget cycle. Discussion was had about contributing money to the sports organization to go towards costs associated with maintenance of Browns Corner. It was agreed that monies should be allocated in the next budget for that expense.

Review of Activities:

Planning and registration for Ski Club is underway.

Rec will be sponsoring and running Bunny Day which is on April 13.

Cyclocross is scheduled for October 28. A new map of the course was reviewed with Dan Jerram. Arnie stated that he was skeptical last year, but it all went well. Arnie did express concern about the "hole shot" area that it is wet. Also the cesspool for the park is to the right over the dismount area.

Approval of Minutes:

Tabled

Jeremy made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm seconded by Arnie. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Tellier
Recreation Director