

New Hartford Recreation Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Members Present: Steve Tuxbury, Ed Smith, Sally O'Neill, & Bob Martin

Members Absent: Don Govotski, Tim Calder, and Joe Petrarca

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier, Jim Fitzgerald, and Recording Secretary Mary Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. June 4, 2014 Regular Meeting – Steve Tuxbury made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting, with changes. Ed Smith 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.
- b. November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting – Minutes were tabled.

Ed asked about the Antolini field discussion at the November meeting. Was curious if anyone had looked into the capacity of the current well to accommodate irrigation at the field or other options besides a separate well. He offered to investigate some options and it was agreed it would be helpful information.

Steve asked about the Berkshire Hall policy for non-profits. Was looking for a clearer definition of a non-profit. In the past, although they are non-profit, the RTC was not considered “non-profit” for Berkshire Hall rental purposes. Sally said she would look into it.

Ed asked why the 11/1 date for closing Brown's. It was explained that it was to allow the bathrooms to be scheduled to be winterized. After discussion, it was agreed that Sally would talk with Travel Soccer about their game schedule, and Christy would check into the reasons for the 11/1 closing date beyond the frozen pipe concern.

Steve stated he thought it would be good practice to have discussions at one meeting and give it until the following meeting before making decisions to allow everyone time to think about what had been discussed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None Reported.

PROCEDURES AND POLICIES - Updates from prior meeting:

Christy stated the signs for the parks have been ordered as discussed at the last meeting. The codes for the cabins at Brodie have been changed. Plans to use just one cabin for storage of items for non-profits.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

Christy talked about the activities going on. There is a Dance Class with approximately 20 students over several classes, 4 signed up for a beginner archery class in conjunction with Northwest Sporting Goods, Adult Volleyball is running on Wednesday nights, and there are 44 students signed up for ski club. The sign ups on ski club are low compared to prior years, but other groups have expressed similar difficulties with participants. Other items to be looked into are Intermediate Archery, Ball Room Dancing, and indoor paddleboarding. The Pleasant Valley Children's Preschool approached us offering use of their space for afternoons and Saturdays for pre-school – approximately 1st grade children. Summer Concert plans are starting to book and summer camp planning is beginning.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Sally updated members that Christy had cable shut off at Berkshire and an unused phone line shut off at the Nurses Cabin. A credit from the propane company would be issued for overcharges on one of 2 of the accounts and for sales tax fees that we should not have paid. The reports provided by Annie and the report from the myrec software have a \$40 discrepancy in income due to a check being recorded in myrec prior to 11/30 but not submitted to Annie until after 11/30.

Steve asked about Ski Club as it appeared on the reports as operating at a loss. Some revenue for ski club was deposited in October causing that discrepancy. Christy explained that the Ski Sundown fees were not marked up, but a participation fee and the bus fee will result in a small profit by the end of the program.

COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH EXPIRING TERMS:

Three members of the commission have terms expiring at the end of December. None were present at the meeting. Sally will follow up with Dan Jerram and the members regarding their reappointment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Recreation Commission 2015 Regular Meeting schedule was submitted for consideration.

Steve Tuxbury made a motion to accept the 2015 schedule as submitted. Bob Martin 2nd. All were in Favor, Motion passes.

Steve asked for an update regarding the waterfront / boat mooring area at the January 2015 meeting.

Christy stated the commission had asked for a copy of the current park rules at the last meeting. She had pulled one copy, but needed to review prior meeting minutes to confirm the final version before she distributed.

Steve Tuxbury made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Bob Martin 2nd. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Baker, Recording Secretary