

New Hartford Recreation
Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2015

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

Members Absent: Don Govotski, Tim Calder, Joe Petrarca & Ed Smith

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier & Recording Secretary Mary Baker

Due to a lack of quorum, this was an open discussion meeting that began at 7:11pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

- a. November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting – Minutes were tabled.
- b. December 3, 2014 Regular Meeting – Minutes were tabled.

Opportunity for Public Comment: None Reported.

Review of Activities: Christy talked about the activities going on there is a Dance Class going well. 2 back to back ballroom dancing classes began on Tuesdays and is averaging about 8 people per class. She has met with instructors that focus on special needs for movement and music classes. Christy had a discussion with a manager at the YMCA regarding collaboration of space and facilities. She will look into further networking with the YMCA and area recreation departments.

Camp planning has begun. Summer sports programs will primarily be held at Brown's Corner. There was discussion of the CIT program portion of camp and the camper to staff ratios. Christy advised the commission that minimum wage has increased as of January 1, 2015 to \$9.15 per hour.

Financial Review:

Financial reports were reviewed. Sally said Christy had submitted a budget recommendation to Dan Jerram for the upcoming fiscal year. The line item for contracted services was submitted with an increase as the budget had consistently been underfunded for a number of years.

Procedures and Policies:

Park Rules: Tabled for next meeting.

2016 West Hill Lake Draw down: Dan was to talk about the engineer pricing.

Callahan Park:

Christy advised that Callahan Park has never been surveyed. She contacted Carmine Matrascia at Dufour Surveying regarding an A2 and a T2 survey for the park.

5 Year Plan

Sally discussed the need to develop a 5-year plan for capital improvements for the parks. Some potential ideas may include the Callahan Park improvements, Brodie House demolition and what will happen with that parcel, potential kitchen upgrade at Berkshire, war memorial update at Chapin, and the 2016 draw down. Members should consider options and ideas. Bob suggested looking at the parks and areas once the snow melts and develop a priority list.

Any Other Business: Sally said the Planning and Zoning had a special meeting on December 1, 2015 and had asked all Commission Chair people to attend. She had not received a letter prior to the meeting, but will write a letter back to P&Z regarding Recreational involvement.

Christy wrote a letter to the sports organizations regarding field and facility use and submitting Community Use forms when planning the upcoming seasons and events.

Christy had been approached about offering a raffle prize to a private school and wanted to clarify policy on providing a beach pass or a week of camp. Steve was not in favor of offering any services as raffle prizes. It was agreed to be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Baker, Recording Secretary