

New Hartford Recreation
Regular Meeting
Minute
Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Members Present: Sally O'Neill, & Bob Martin, Joe Petrarca, Tim Calder & Ed Smith

Members Absent: Don Govotski, Steve Tuxbury

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier, Recording Secretary Mary Baker, Dale Martin, and Rick Berneike

Approval of Minutes:

- a. November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting- Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting. Bob 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.
- b. December 3, 2014 Regular Meeting- Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting. Bob 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.
- c. March 24, 2015 Special Meeting. Fee Schedule, Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting. Bob 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Opportunity For Public Comment:

Rick Berneike and Dale Martin were present to discuss the fields at Browns Corner. Dale gave an overview of the cost of upkeep of the turf and how using the fields for practices as well as games causes excess wear. The field use by the Rec Soccer, Baseball and Travel Soccer was discussed. Travel soccer has exclusively practiced at Browns, and the Majors division of baseball practices there due to batting cages and field sizes. There was discussion about field space in town and if other towns would be able to house some of the practice teams since Travel Soccer is a regionalized sport. There may be space in Norfolk, but it was believed that Barkhamsted may be tight. Field space at Brodie South was discussed and Rick stated that Dan Jerram had already agreed the fields at Brodie South were useable, just not after dark. The commission agreed that BPS was an acceptable space for soccer practices, as well as the field near the Field House. It was further agreed that Christy would reach out to the sports organizations regarding submission of field use forms. Any organizations found using fields without field use forms being submitted would be asked to leave.

Dale Martin then asked about an adult sports group being able to use the fields at Browns during the summer. It would not conflict with any of the youth activities and they would provide an insurance certificate. The request was discussed by the commission and they agreed to the usage.

Sally made a motion to approve the request of an adult baseball sports league to use Browns Corner during the summer months, upon submission of a Field Use Form and Certificate of Insurance. Tim 2nd. All were in favor. Motion Passes.

Financial Review:

Financial Reports were distributed. Christy explained 2 expenditures – one for basketball padding for Brodie and the other was for replacement ropes and buoys for the waterfront. There were no questions.

Procedures and Policies:

It had been discovered that the park rules had never been motioned and approved by the Rec Commission. The rules were reviewed and it was agreed that the only modification was to add “and/or athletic” to line 18, so it would read:

Anyone wishing to hold group and/or athletic activities must notify and receive authorization from the Recreation Commission and /or Recreation Director. Forms will be provided to help the group organizer communicate the scope of the event to ensure proper consideration can be given by the Recreation Commission/Director.

Bob made a motion to approve the park rules with the modification to line 18. Ed Smith 2nd. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Skate Park: The fence is falling down and is in major disrepair and unsafe. It needs to be fixed, a new one put up, or the entire thing taken down and the equipment stored until the fence can be addressed. The quality of the fencing used was not appropriate for high traffic, public use. Ed Smith stated he would take a look at it and talk with Cape Cod fencing.

5 Year Plan:

2016 West Hill draw Down: A plan needs to be developed. Repairing the pier and cement area at the mooring area was discussed, and the possibility of removing the cement pier altogether at the beach. There was discussion regarding the drainage plan for the road. Sally stated she would talk with Dan Jerram and gather more information for the next meeting.

Callahan Park: Survey still needs to be done. The park is owned by the NH Fire District and leased by the town. However, there is a parcel of land that is “landlocked” by other parcels that is still owned by a private party. The survey is needed to determine property lines so we can then further consider any renovations or upgrades. Christy will find out more about the status of the survey for the next meeting.

Tim Calder made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm seconded by Ed Smith. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Baker
Recording Secretary