

New Hartford Recreation
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Call to Order: 7:04pm

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

Members Absent: Joe Petrarca

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier, Nicole Minard

Approval of Minutes: Steve made a motion, and Bob Martin 2nd to approve the minutes from June 3, 2015 meeting, Motion passed.

Opportunity For Public Comment:

Nicole Minard addressed the commission about an incident her daughter was involved in at summer camp. She was upset that it hadn't been previously brought up at a Recreation Commission meeting and felt it should have been. She expressed her concerns about the situation and how it was handled. Sally advised her the commission would review the behavior and discipline policy for camp.

Review of Activities: Christy Tellier updated the Commission on recent activities in the Rec Department. Ski Club registrations are well under way. Ballroom dancing continues to run. Baby Boot Camp class was being planned. The fall fun trick or treat event was held again this year.

Financial Review: Commission members reviewed the financials. No questions.

Callahan Park: There was discussion on the proposed ideas for upgrades to the park. Discussed lighting. Ice skating was considered but some commission members felt there could be extensive damage to the asphalt if it were flooded. Hoops should be updated. It was agreed that the commission would meet Saturday morning to take a walk around the park.

Swim Platform: Christy advised the commission the swim platform has exceeded a useful life span and presented some quotes on different platforms for replacement. Steve said he wanted to take a look at the existing dock before considering.

Skate Park Fence at Brodie: The fence is still in disrepair. A quote was previously obtained and presented. Steve felt that maintenance should be considered to fix it.

Bob asked what the requirements were for that type of facility to be fenced. Christy said she would look into the insurance requirements for skate park fencing.

Brodie Waterfront Task Order – Sally reviewed the 1st task order and what changes had been requested resulting in this 2nd task order. The draw down is in the fall of 2016.

Steve made a motion to approve the task order as presented. Ed 2nd. All were in favor, motion passes.

Recreation Commission

Don Govotski submitted a formal resignation from the commission.

Steve made a motion to accept the resignation of Don Govotski. Ed 2nd. All were in favor.

There was discussion regarding Tim Calder's seat. Because he is no longer a resident of New Hartford, he is no longer eligible to sit on the commission. 2 seats would need to be filled and the commission discussed coming up with some recommendations to present to the Selectman.

Christy ask the commission if they had any concerns if she developed a committee – Recreation Members at Large to volunteer to help with events, etc. The commission unanimously agreed that they had no objection.

2016 Meeting Dates

It was discussed and agreed to change the Recreation Commission meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month for 2016.

Fee Schedule

Christy asked the commission to begin reviewing the current fee schedule for the upcoming season for discussion at a future meeting.

Any Other Business:

No other business.

Ed Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm seconded by Bob Martin. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Tellier
Recreation Director