

New Hartford Recreation Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Brodie Park, Berkshire Hall

Members Present: John Maschi, Maureen Morris, Paul Korzynski, Don Govotski, Dan Eddy

Members Absent: Ed Smith,

Others Present: Dennis Minor, Mary Baker

Approval of Minutes: Don made a motion, Maureen 2nd to approve the minutes from April 3, 2013 meeting. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

Opportunity for Public to Speak: Pieter Visser from Boy Scout Troop 19 addressed the Recreation Commission in hopes of getting his Eagle Scout project approved. Pieter proposed to build a gaga pit for the Camp Brodie program. The pit is a hexagon shaped structure and can fit up to eight people at a time. The object of the game is to avoid being hit by the volleyball and the last person left in the pit wins the game. Pieter said it would take about 1 to 2 weeks in order to build a portable gaga pit. Pieter is currently waiting for the project to be approved by P & Z as well as the BOS. Don made a motion, Maureen 2nd to approve to have Pieter Visser to build the Gaga Pit.

Commission Liaison Report:

Finance: Dennis highlighted overages in the Contracted Services and Seasonal Help for Maintenance line item. He has made the First Selectman aware of those overages in order that an adjustment may be made to finish the fiscal year in the black. Volley Ball Court is also getting more sand too. **Camp:** Camp registrations are starting to come in at a steady pace. Registrations traditionally pick up towards the end of the month. **Special Event:** Dennis will be meeting with Kurt Cameron-Hooker Brewery and Jay Cohen from the YMCA in order to discuss a joint venture (Oktober Fest). The event will be scheduled in October with Berkshire Hall being a possible location. Dennis discussed a wish list item that he'd someday like to see in the park. The item was a drawing of a potential building that would be similar to a gym that you would see in hotels with treadmills and the like. Dennis plans to do more research on this project in order to report back to the Commission. John talked about marking out where the paths are for people who walk in park with a diagram showing where those marks would be. Dennis talked about the summer concert series that will start July 3 and go until August 7-on Wednesday nights. Signs will be put up on Monday in three different locations around town. Bullying Program was held at Ann Antolini School for 5 & 6 graders where several guest spoke.

That program was followed up with a presentation to parents the following week. **YEP Program:** The YEP program has formally ended for this school year but there will be several opportunities for members to meet during the summer.

Correspondence: Dan Eddy talked about the Rules and Regulations for New Hartford Parks. Rules and Regulations were filed with the Clerk's office as part of the Recreation Commission minutes in April 2013 and sent to the First Selectman for review and a potential June Town Meeting date.

Dennis talked about a requirement that the Farmington Valley Health District has issued in order to be compliant as it relates to the continued operation of the summer program. A separate hand washing sink needs to be installed and it will be placed where the Refrigerator currently rest and the refrigerator will be relocated-replacing the storage cabinet which will be removed from the kitchen all together. A soap and paper towel dispenser will be located at the sink. M.R. Koether provided a Job estimate to put in the stainless steel bar sink and a goose-neck faucet. The estimate is \$925.00 and it includes both labor and material. Dan made a motion, Maureen 2nd to approve to have the hand washing sink put in.

Other Business to come before this Commission: Dan Eddy recognized the Northwestern Regional #7 Baseball Team- Ranked 1 in Class M with a record of 23-1. John Maschi talked about the incident involving a noose that was put in the bathroom at Berkshire Hall which happens to be where the Recreation Director works. Dennis met with the Boy Scout who left the noose in the bathroom, thus putting an end to this episode and John would like to commend Dennis on how he handled the incident. The Recreation Commission and Recreation Director consider this a closed matter.

Dan made a motion, seconded by Maureen to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Baker