

## **New Hartford Recreation Committee**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 2, 2013**

**Brodie Park, Berkshire Hall**

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

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Dennis Minor, Mary Baker, Rick Bernike and Maria Moore.

**Approval of Minutes:** Maureen made a motion, John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from June 5, 2013 meeting. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

**Opportunity for Public to Speak:**

#### **Commission Liaison Report:**

**Finance:** Dennis highlighted the Program account-to date the balance is \$71, 657.75. John asked if they would reach the \$100,000.00 mark in turns of revenue generated. Dennis replied that the program account balance will indeed reach \$100,000.00 due to the fact that camp receivables are still on the books as well as anticipated beach sticker sales.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Water Front:** Lifeguards are doing a really good job at the beach this year. We have two new waterfront supervisors but they have been guards here for several years. Our guards will be working the swimming portion of the Triathlon on Sunday July 14. Beach sticker sales are on target with last year's numbers. We've had some issues with Canoe/Kayak storage this year as non paying customers have been leaving their kayaks on open racks. These open racks have been paid for but paying customers have taken the liberty to use the space at their leisure. This has caused delays with paid customers having access to their storage space. There were notes left on the non paying customer canoes in order to give them time to remove their canoes before any locks were cut. Two locks have been cut off to date. **Camp:** The summer season has gotten off to a good start. We have 861 participants register for this year's camp. The new registration process allows for a participant to take advantage of a partial week instead of paying for an entire week. Registrations are accepted throughout the summer and participants are allowed to sign up on the day of camp which gives the parent more flexibility with their registrations needs. John asked Dennis for a snapshot of what he thought the total would be as it relates to the number of participants at the end of the season. Dennis felt that the numbers could exceed 1000 participant slots over a nine week period.

**Rules and Regulations for New Hartford Parks:** John felt that it was necessary to amend rule #21 to read: **Children 12 years and under must be accompanied by an Adult, unless part of an activity or an organization group.** Ed made a motion, and Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the change to rule #21. John encouraged commission members to attend the special meeting that's being held on Thursday July 11, 2013 at Antolini School. A town meeting has been called as a group of concerned citizens were able to obtain enough signatures (36). These citizens are seeking to have their rules adopted as the governing rules for town parks).

**Other Business to come before this Commission:**

Dan's concern is that when you write a rule and list an exception, it limits the possible exceptions to those listed, thus NO other activities between dusk and dawn-no matter what. Dan also stated that these rules would negatively affect the Lions Club set, Scouting overnights and campfires. These rules would limit any special use of ANY park to "approval by neighborhood" which takes power away from town residents and gives it to a very select few. Dan agrees with the right to petition and feels that community involvement is great but he's not in favor of the new rules that are slated for a town meeting on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Dan made a motion, seconded by Ed to adjourn at 7:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Baker