

Plaistow Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 11, 2021 6:30 pm PARC Concession Stand

Called to Order: 6:35 pm

In Attendance: Kerry Patles, Patrick Buckley, Melissa Marr, Tina Dufrense,
Bill Coye, Board of Selectmen Liaison Jay DeRoche, Board of Selectmen Liaison Alternate
Jennifer Gusler, Recreation Director
Excused: Sue Sherman, Leah MacKean, Kristin Savage

Kerry asks for volunteers to take meeting minutes in absence of Secretary - having none, Kerry will do so

Approve Minutes

Draft minutes of June 9, 2021 meeting reviewed; one correction for Leah's last name to MacKean
No further discussion

Motion to approve with corrected last name spelling by Kerry. Second Pat. Passes 4-0-0

Trail Update

Lew Shelley of SnowHawk LLC has been in contact with Pat and Jenn. Anticipate contract in coming weeks.

He has requested documents from grant and previous company Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). Lew wants to see the work AMC had completed, if any. Jenn will provide him with grant paperwork requested; discussion ensues regarding location of documents from work Charlie Zilch of SEC Surveying completed Re: easements etc. Only major change is the location of the trail head from when SEC work was done.

Jenn will work on retrieving those documents in town hall; will send to Lew and Pat.

Pat, Trail Chair reports that Sam Kinkaid, Eagle Scout has been approved by his Scout Board to proceed with his Eagle Project work on trail head opening tentatively slated as small bridge and recessed steps at gate.

Commission recommends Jenn initiate fence work at trail head to install gate and access to area of trail head.

Pat will coordinate with Sam to take next steps as SnowHawk signs on and project moves to next steps.

Recreation Director Report

Jenn has provided her monthly written report

Highlights include:

- Summer Rec - going well, in last week; Pollard worked well on rainy days, did not have to cancel any days due to weather - 3 trips to the movies went well
- Softball field rental for existing field continues to yield revenue - Hurricanes and Raptors are slated for use through September - SNHS Rec Fall Ball use for practices begins now, ends in October. SNHS will utilize Smith Field also.
- SNHS Fall Ball registration will be through MyRec again; works well
- Summer Concerts are well attended - only 2 cancelled for weather, 1 of which was rescheduled to Cruise Night
- Cruise Night was very well received. Lots of participation, attendance. Will do again, possible fall date
- Elder Affairs deliveries in July- Senior Sizzler newsletter going out soon -Senior cookout Wednesday September 8 @ PARC, Lions requested to assist
- Senior/Community Trip booked for October 19 to Harts Turkey Train, Meredith NH

- Income Summary Report shows \$ 67,000.00 YTD broken down as follows:
 - Summer Rec \$ 52,835.00
 - Rentals \$ 5,100.00 YTD (fall fees not included)
 - Baseball \$ 6,725.00
 - Softball \$ 1,950.00
 - Yard Sale \$ 380.00 (spring – fall not yet included)
- PARC Field Usage/Pavilion Rentals 2021
- Dates to Remember 2021

Discussions ensue Re: community trip ideas – Foxwoods, Fisher Cats/Red Sox, Pumpkin Lighting tentative locations/plans, Toddler Trick or Treat, Tree Lighting

To Do List for Fall includes 4 new picnic tables at PARC, completion of safety recommendation work from playground inspections at PARC & Smith Field and aerate/reseed multipurpose field

Friends of Rec

In Leah's absence, Kerry updates Rec Comm on FoPR

Concessions during concerts is going well – Cruise Night was a big night

FoPR purchased candy bars to add as prizes for Summer Rec.

FoPR President Kate Sherman-DeRoche attended Rec to distribute cotton candy purchased by FoPR to all- well received.

Fundraising for softball field will begin in earnest. Requests support of Rec Comm

Any fundraising ideas are welcomed; discussion ensues with recommendations of electronics recycling, paper shredding, large ticket item to raffle, town wide yard sale donations table

Next FoPR meeting is Wednesday August 18, 2021 @ 8 pm at PARC. All are welcome to attend.

Alternates Needed

Commission still has no alternates

Two residents have reached out to Jenn to ask questions; neither has sent a letter of intent to date Recreation website has headlined post on home page stating alternates are needed.

Discussion ensues regarding utilizing social media, town wide email blast to get the word out

Melissa states she will be resigning from Commission due to a change in her time/family commitments; members thank her for her work the last 3 years. Kerry requests she submit this in writing to be accepted formally.

Open

none

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 8, 2021 6:30 pm Rec Dept, Town Hall Annex on Elm St

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Patles