

Plaistow Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 6:30 PM

Location: Plaistow Town Hall Annex, Recreation Office, 14 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH

Call to order: 6:35 PM

Attendance: Kerry Patles (Chair), Tina Dufresne (Vice-Chair), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Susan Sherman, John Sherman, Kristin Savage, Jennifer Bird, Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director), Jonathan Gifford (BOS Liaison), William Coye (BOS Alternate Liaison)

Excused: Patrick Buckley, Lucinda Ward

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approve April 2022 Minutes: Approved (1st John/2nd Jen) 5-0-0
2. Director's Report:
 1. Facilities: Busby having issues obtaining quotes for backstop and dugouts from fence company; dugouts at 60s field will get new holes, move forward and straighten – currently roped off for safety; scoreboard will also need to be fixed (given as a gift so cannot take down); saving \$500/month by decreasing use of Oasis (extra mowing); Oasis will continue to maintain base paths and infield dirt from April through end of June (baseball) and April through October (softball); softball field rentals multiple days per week at this time; new “No Dogs on Athletic Fields” and “All Pets Must Be On A Leash” signs hung
 2. Trails: awaiting approval for 2-year extension; Lew believes it to be achievable to get trails out to Mt. Misery; unable to contact Mr. Hoyt (vacation) about trail access; working on finance log and in-kind donation information
 3. Seniors: Coffee Talk to take summer break – resume in fall
 4. Summer Rec: fully staffed allowing 100 campers; field trips booked; registrations opened 5/1/22 and already $\frac{3}{4}$ capacity
 5. Summer Concerts: booked all 10 and confirmed
 6. Baseball/Softball: 122 baseball, 25 softball; concessions needs volunteers(Sign Up Genius forwarded to commission)
 7. Friends Of Rec: concessions for games/concerts; volunteers need to be 16+ to work in concessions; electronics fundraiser for 5/14; candy bar bingo 6/17; car show 8/12; next meeting 5/16
 8. Elder Affairs: November 12th Craft Fair – invitations going out; Senior Tea Party 5/5 – 16 attended; Next meeting 5/17; Thomas Leighton Cruise Ship – all ages coming up
 9. Old Home Day: parade funds and donations being handled through FOPR; sub-committees working on different aspects of day; 5/1 Fire Chief attended meeting; 5/15 Police Chief will attend meeting
 10. Future Plans: National Night Out 8/2 (with PD); Halloween Festival 10/22 (with FOPR)
 11. Recreation rentals: office rentals, facility rentals
 12. Important Upcoming Dates:
 1. 5/14 Town Wide Yard Sale; Electronics Recycling (FOPR)
 2. 6/5 Cher Show
 3. 6/10 Outdoor Movie @ Library (need volunteers)
 4. 6/18 Old Home Day
 5. 6/22 concerts begin
 6. 6/27 Summer Rec begins

7. 7/15 Outdoor Movie @ Library
8. 8/9 Isle of Shoals Cruise
9. 8/19 Outdoor Movie @ Library
13. See announcements on Recreation Homepage
3. Strategic Plan/Capital Improvement Plan
 1. Update existing projects (please see attached)
 2. Add new projects (please see attached) – Wifi @ PARC, green/open space pending approval, obtain Recreation transportation, lighted poles for AED at common areas
 1. Kerry – dog park research
 2. John – dog park research
 3. Jenn – community center research
4. Open/New Business
 1. Need up-to-date list of town owned properties
 2. Discuss mosquito/tick spraying at PARC and Smith Field

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Meeting dismissed 8:08 PM