

Randolph Community Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2014

Committee members present: Jon Kaplan, Jason Lewis, Tom Schersten, Erica Sears, and Kate Sigurdson

Public Present: Sue Poulin, who has an interest in ACTIVE adult recreation

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Kate updated the committee, and the committee provided feedback about:

- How the summer programs are going
  - successes this year:
    - early opening of pool, averaging about 65 people/day
    - huge enthusiasm for healthy snacks from local food sources
    - strong interest in swim lessons
    - camps of increasing size throughout:
      - average = 35/day, max = 140/wk
      - total of 75 campers served during the summer
    - huge gymnastic clinics
    - adult tennis with about 60 participants
    - anticipated closure of pool on Labor Day, weather permitting
  - opportunities for improvement next year:
    - better advertisement of clinics beyond camper population
    - making registration less confusing
    - offering swim lessons for adults
    - starting a youth swim team
    - having more trips for the campers
    - managing behaviors/social interactions of kids dropped off
      - offering activities outside the pool fence
        - sports equipment to check out
        - lifeguards participating in these activities with kids
- What Kate's been doing to promote Randolph Recreation on social media:
  - added info on the Town website about what's happening with links
  - created a Facebook page
  - writing a column in the Herald the first issue of each month
  - looking for a "meet-up" site for Randolph Recreation online
- What's coming up next:
  - creating a calendar page that list everything that's happening
  - planning for the rink and personnel

- checking possibility of a recreation field complex near the landfill
- Kate meeting w/Sultana to evaluate this year and plan for next year

Kate is bringing proposals to the Selectboard on August 19:

- scholarships for campers
- a grant for playgrounds
- a grant for a skate park

The anticipated end-of-the-year picnic is being delayed until next year, as too much is going on this year to pull it off.

Members of the committee again shared with Kate about Randolph background information, what's happening around town now, who else is doing recreation programs in the Randolph area, connections and contact information.

No one seems to know who's running the adult volleyball program at Randolph Elementary School, which is a mandatory free two days for Town Recreation.

The next meeting will be at the Town Hall on Monday, September 15, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Schersten