

Randolph Community Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes- September 16, 2015

Randolph Town Hall- 7 Summer Street

Present: Members Tom Schersten, Jon Kaplan, Frederick Hauser, Ian Sears, Erica Sears, George Sweet, Recreation Director Kate Sigurdson

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment- None

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

4/5. Update on Programs and Activities and Discussion of future plans

- Ian Sears was made aware of his appointment to the RCRAC by the selectboard.
- Review of schedule and needs for upcoming Community Playground Build on Oct 17 and 18th. Need for 15-20 volunteers per shift, local business donation for snacks/ lunch. Flyers being distributed, speaking at rotary, airtime with RACDC on Oct 13. Committee asked to help spread the word. Review of donation request letter, fact sheet, and flyer.
- It recommended to the committee that a Grand Opening following in the weeks after the playground build be organized. Businesses, churches, sports groups and non- profits will be invited to provide a small activity as well as promote their services to the public. It was suggested that a ribbon cutting occur. This supports the committee's endeavors to offer a bi yearly community event to promote upcoming programs and opportunities as well as celebrate the community.
- Conversation on efforts to maintain and resurface courts and backboards at School Street Recreation Area.
- Discussion on pickleball program offered at Brookfield. Last year yielded low attendance. Feedback related to space, location and time. It was decided to continue to offer program to allow interest to grow and is our only indoor option at this time.
 - It was suggested to provide a locked box/ hut to store equipment for community members to reserve and use at tennis court. This could also include equipment for basketball.
 - It was suggested to place pickleball lines on the ice rink and utilize the rink as a court. This would continue the multiuse efforts around the warming hut. Discussion occurred weather this would interfere with the temporary skatepark and it was decided it could be a shared space. A committee member had measured and observed the space and found it adequate enough for this use.
 - Comments regarding offering tennis table as well as pickleball at ice rink as this is a desire program in the community.
- We discussed the cancellation of the current structure to the afterschool program which did not obtain the minimum participation. Community feedback mentioned that it is a program they want to utilize but with daily option. Minimum enrollment is necessary to provide a little overhead to avoid offering the program as a financial loss to the budget. Conversation regarding a different structure that would meet the daily need as well as minimize risk for Town.
- It was mentioned that the Adventure Pass Sales resulted in \$820. This program supports the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.
- It was mentioned that funding had not been secured for the pumptrack in order to have a fall build and so efforts will continue for the spring.
- It was mentioned that the Sept dates for the Rape Aggression Defense training offered to the town has been consolidated into one class in Oct. November dates will be offered.

- A question was asked regarding the First Aid/ CPR classes. These classes will be offered in the upcoming months. It was asked that concussion protocol be covered as it is being asked of, umpires, referees and coaches. This led into a conversation regarding helmet use at the rink. The current policy is that youth must wear helmets while playing hockey but not open skate. A comment was made that wearing helmets would not appeal to open skate participants.
- A discussion on the renaming of the Warming Hut led to the committee choosing three options from the suggestions and the community will be polled to make the final choice. The choices are; The Randolph Recreation Roost aka “The Roost”, The Adventure Center, The Prince Street Hut aka “The Hut”. This could be an activity at the Playground Grand opening.
- It was discussed as to whether the Recreation Department should fundraise for maintenance and equipment needs. It was decided that these purchases should be built into the budget as well as grants to offset the cost to the tax payer. Such needs include completion of painting the rink, resurfacing courts, lifeguard chairs, and backboards.
- A summary of the summer programs was provided and discussion on needs for changes next year. It was discussed that a director is needed at the pool and camp to provide appropriate oversight to programs. The punch pass and free guest with family pass may have resulted in a loss of revenue for the pool but all numbers have increased.

6. The next meeting date was set for Oct 21st, 2015 at 7:00pm.

7. It was asked that a conversation regarding the current/ proposed organizational structures to Randolph Youth Sports teams including the Recreation Directors role be placed on the Sept agenda.

8. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: as Written as edited

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Kate Sigurdson
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