

Recreation Advisory Committee Notes

From Monday, November 27, 2017

Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Call to order: Meeting began at 5:35 pm.

Present:

Erica Sears - Chair

Dayln Luedthe – Vice Chair

Ian Sears

Rick Hauser

Larry Satcowitzs - Select Board Member

Haidi Arias - Recreation Director

Absent:

Juliann Sherman

Public Comment: None

Update on current programs and Activities: Rec. Director Ms. Arias reported on this event.

1. Safe and Seen Halloween Event:
 - A. Ideas on how to expand next year.
 - B. Rock painting, hiding, searching of rocks a success,
 - C. One piece of the skeleton not found.
 - D. Police would like to be more involved with the event next year.
2. Painted Rock for Winter
 - A. Children who search for painted winter rocks will possibly receive either a free hot chocolate, percentage off rental of skates, etc. when rocks are turned in.
 - B. Possibly create an event to pain rocks.
3. Ice Rink- Rec. **Director Ms. Arias, Committee members Erica and Ian Sears mainly led a discussion with committee members asked questions and commented.**
 - A. Ice Rink hopefully open before Holiday if not after (weather dependent)
 - B. Rink ready for painting lines & logo.
 - C. New Hockey Goals purchased
 - D. Brain Storming how to use Ice rink if no Ice.

- E. How to better Market the Ice rink.
 - F. Funding rising for “Bobby the seal Seat Aides” these replace milk crates which are not as safe.
 - G. The Barn, Rotary, and Gillespie donating \$ toward purchase of Aides.
 - H. Instructors for
 - Learn to Skate on weekends
 - Hockey instructors
 - Interviewed possible instructors from high school & VTC
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4. Special Event Programming:
- A. Tree Lighting Event- December 1, 2017 @ 5 pm
 - Children write on wooden ornaments and place on the tree.
 - B. Organize task force for Recreation Dept. to participate in town events
 - Example Town would like to bring back a Parade during the Holiday Season. Mr. Satcowitz reminded us to use correct terminology when addressing activities during this period.
 - 2018 police want to be more involved with events.
5. Youth Basketball: Rec. Director Ms. Arias and Committee Member Mr. Hauser took point on the discussion. Other committee members also joined in discussion and information.
- A. Coaches Meeting: Handbook for coaches.
 - No Full-Court Pressing.
 - Committee Member Mr. Hauser brought up concerns from coaches about changing the quarters from 6 minutes to 8 minutes.
 - Coaches reviewed a drill book. Drill book has all standard drills children should now by Middle School.
 - Last years survey from parents was poor rec. Dept can do better.
 - Rule Book also discussed at Coach meeting. Rulebook contains what National Rec. Standards use.
 - Potential Problems:
 - Not every town following Rulebook.
 - Randolph can only control what happens in our town.
 - Other towns do not have a rule book so Rec. Director Ms. Arias has sent the rulebook Randolph is using to surrounding towns in the league like Northfield, Williams Town, etc.
 - B. Create a fun atmosphere.
 - Varsity Highschool and College students help with the youth program.
 - Organize groups to go to Norwich, VTC, Dartmouth, etc.

Scheduled Items: All committee members shared in the discussion.

A. Committee Goals for 2017-18

1. Creating a Mission Statement for the Recreation Department.
2. Updates on Town ordinances such as park rules and closures signs as well as downtown skateboarding.
3. Helping to create more town sponsored community events as well as volunteering in existing community events to enhance the experience.
4. Creating a communication process/protocol between all surrounding towns, ie. Brookfield, Randolph Center, etc.
5. Introducing more young adult programming ex: Cross Country Skiing, Pickleball
6. Expand searches on Grants or other sources of fundraising for Recreational activities.

Future Agenda Items: All committee members shared in the discussion.

- A. Programming for Rink: Instructor needs insurance to show qualifications
 - Skating Rink Olympics
 - Open flag for Rink
 - NAHA- Professional players come down in Uniforms and be at Rinks.
- A. Gym time available at VTC.
- B. 20 something program, Graffiti wall around the town.
- C. Bethel University Classes.
- D. Bring down rink fees for low income families.
 - Maybe adding more free days like the pool has done in the past. More potlucks.
- E. Track successful fundraising.