

Recreation Committee Meeting Notes

9/13/2023

Roll Call: Kraig Harlow (Recreation Director), Cheryl Mayberry (Selectboard) Scott Rodenhauser (Recreation Committee Head Chair), David Kunholm (Recreation Committee Co-Vice Chair), Diane Harty (Recreation Committee Co-Vice Chair) Evelyn Beliveau (Recreation Committee), Marilou Blaine (Recreation Committee), Stephanie Green (Pool Manager) Cindy Westover (Town Citizen), Kim Lewis (Town Citizen), Sue Kibbey (Town Citizen)

Secretary Nomination: No one wanted the position of secretary. Kraig Harlow will take notes of the meeting.

August Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes for August meeting. All member approved meeting minutes. Discussion began with town members on where meeting minutes are sent after they are approved.

Pickleball: Mike Hayes sent Cindy, Kim and Sue to discuss his ideas on improving our opportunities for more pickleball courts in Walpole. Mike has requested to tear up the west end of the tennis courts and it could be done in two phased. Pellows Paving quote was \$20,000 to \$30,000, Tarmy Paving \$38,800 and VT Recreation quoted at \$52,000 to \$65,000. The quote to add fencing and fix old fencing from Springfield Fencing was \$23,155 and Keene fencing at \$11,380. Kim mentioned the town obtaining a Healthy Living Community Grant. Cindy Westover mentioned opportunity for the school to use the new courts during PE and Kim mentioned the opportunity to host pickleball tournament. Mike Hayes and Sue Kibbey spent time with the contractors evaluating the quotes for new surface. Diane Harty mentioned she would like a company from Walpole to be involved on any construction being done on the courts. Kraig Harlow addressed concerns that's doing one half of the courts could ultimately break and crack the other side not being addressed due to the winter months. Scott Rodenhauser mentioned that he prefer a higher quality of work on the project so it is done right. Evelyn Beliveau also wanted quotes to have more measurement on them. Recreation committee then asked that quotes be addressed with more detail and that 5 inch of pavement be used on all estimates. They also requested quotes on what it would cost to redo the whole surface and not just half of the current court. Recreation committee will discuss the need of a possible warrant article this year to redo the tennis courts and improve them to include pickleball. Cindy asked what would be a good date for a proposal to be in, Cheryl Mayberry gave the date of November 1st.

Kraig asked about the number of players in the winter and in the summer. In the winter there are 25 regular players using WES gymnasium and summer there are 18 regular players at the park.

Fall Soccer: 90 children have signed up for fall soccer. K/1 soccer happens on Monday nights. Tuesday is grades 2/3 and Thursday is grades 4/5/6. Teams are practicing once or twice a week and have 6 games for the season.

Kraig Harlow requested to use of the revolving fund to support the cost of soccer jerseys for \$1,200. The committee voted unanimously to use the revolving fund to pay for jerseys. Jerseys will be reimbursed by local companies.

Kraig Harlow requested the use of the revolving fund to purchase new soccer balls at the cost of \$1,500 for the program. The committee voted unanimously to use the revolving fund to pay for the new soccer balls.

Pickleball Times: Discussion took place on the regular basis pickleball players were playing. Roughly 2 hours a week of court time for a regular or 8 players. 18 players play on Sunday, once a month for 2 hours. 46 days of play this season. Weekly play is an approximate of 3 hours.

SportsEngine: Kraig Harlow made a presentation on the recreation program using SportsEngine to start hosting team information and schedules. Also discussed the recreation program going paperless and using SportsEngine as its payment host. Recreation committee agreed to using SportsEngine but has further question on the setup and accounts to attach it with. Cheryl Mayberry requested to reach out to Rich Kreissle on how to our accounts for payment work.

Kraig Harlow requested the use of the revolving fund to support the payment of SportsEngine once he talks with Rich Kreissle about how to set up accounts through the app. The committee voted unanimously to use the revolving fund to pay for SportsEngine once the monetary component is addressed.

Tennis Usage: David Kuniholm gave an update on how many tennis players are currently playing tennis and said there are 40 players using the courts throughout the week. There is a leaning post that needs to be repaired at the cost of \$850. David has been monitoring the courts usage between tennis and pickleball.

Age in Motion: Mairlou Blaine would like to purchase fans and allow the recreation committee ownership of the fans. She is also looking for a substitute instructor as well on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 10am. Marilou Blaine said the cost to purchase two fans at the cost of \$340 dollars. Purchase was approved by the recreation committee.

North Walpole Park: Trees that needed to be cutdown in the spring have been finally taken down. The town arranged the removal of the trees. An electrician will be needed to reset the timer on the lights. In August, the showing of Super Mario Bros. Movie was super successful with 60-70 members participating in the movie showing. In 2024, two movies will be shown in North Walpole Park. Diane Harty is also hosting the build your own scarecrows as a fall festivity for families.

Whicomb Park: Marilou Blaine brought up the possibility of adding Adirondack chairs and adding a swing and sandbox. The recreation committee shelved the conversation for next month's meeting.

Pool: Stephanie told us the pool house is clean, cover was delivered to the pool. The town will need more lifeguards next year with only three returning. 15 is the youngest age for the town to hire lifeguards. Next year Walpole Pool will try and work with Charlestown on certifying our lifeguards. Stephanie would like to hire two WSI certified instructors. The town treasurer Steve Verron would like to donate his salary to the town pool in buying awnings and shade down at the pool house. Kraig Harlow discussed changing the budget this year to help benefit Stephanie's needs at the pool.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be October 11th at the Town Hall. Beginning at 6pm.