

## Walpole Recreation

Date: Sunday, August 19, 2018

Attendees: Justin Cassarino, Brad Tetu, Andrew Buswell, and Stephanie Green

Justin Cassarino called to start the meeting at 5:32 pm

- The committee met to discuss the 2019 Recreation Budget
- We know of one lifeguard that is not returning next year, and after discussing this with Stephanie, we all agreed that we would put a 12 lifeguard cap per summer
  - Gives all employees the opportunity to have enough hours each week
- We also agreed that we would put a cap at two WSI instructors each summer as well
  - We created a line to either pay for a WSI initial training or recertification.
- The committee agreed to pay each lifeguard half of their certification/recertification (starting next summer) at the end of each summer.
  - Decided to raise Swimming Certs to \$1,000.00 to cover all 12 employees.
- Stephanie felt that all other lines involving the pool was fine.
  - We agreed to use the Revolving Fund to purchase three new safety ring buoys for each lifeguard chair. (\$100 each)
- Justin, Andrew, and Brad discussed the rest of the lines together.
- Justin expressed that he felt like the Parks Manager line needed to increase to what it has been in the past (\$16,000)
  - He ended up adding a 7 week basketball/soccer clinic in the Spring, coaching a summer basketball league team, organizing more community events, and is planning on two adult league activities.
  - Trivia Night was a HUGE hit and the adults asked if we can do this every few months.
  - He was already over the \$10,000 line from this year and we still have soccer and the beginning of winter basketball to go through.
- The group discussed adding two new adult programs next summer.
  - Summer Basketball at the courts and a coed Kickball League
  - We discussed adding a slow pitch softball league, but decided to start off slow and see how these two go before adding more.
- Our insurance line will need to be increased because of the two new adult programs, but we will need Sarah Downing's help with this.
- There was a long discussion about the basketball line/officials
  - Most Recreation groups that run adult activities use "Binder Fees" to cover the cost of referees.
  - We feel like we should do this as well because then we wouldn't have to add a significant amount of money for the referee lines in order to run adult leagues.

- We added \$2,000 to the officials line to cover this for now.
  - Can we discuss this with the Selectman?
- We decided to cut the Swim Team line
  - Money was not spent last year and there was not team this year
  - Can always bring this back if a team starts up again
- Justin talked about a proposal for a new basketball court
  - Bob Whyte came up and looked at our court to tell us what repairs we would have to do before he laid the new material down.
  - The Versacourt material would only be a one-time purchase and you would only have to lay down asphalt when needed.
  - For just the basketball court, we have a quote of \$24,000.00 and \$3,000.00 for each basketball hoop for a total of \$33,000.00.
  - Justin asked if he could get a quote for both basketball courts because he would like to turn the smaller court into a “games” court.
    - This would include pickle ball, hop scotch, four square, and shuffle board
- If we are able to get the new courts, we can cut the tennis court maintenance line down to \$1,500.00.
  - The goal is to do the tennis courts the following year
- We decided to add a community night line as well for other activities that we would like to offer next year (\$2,000.00)
  - Trivia Night, Daddy and Me Dance, Mommy and Me Movie Night, Shows, Trips to Boston/NY City near the holidays
- The rest of the lines were all kept the same
- The group discussed the pool house and shading as well
  - Justin is getting a quote from David Hearne for residing the pool house
    - A lot of bees are creating nests in the open areas of the siding and we are having a lot of people getting stung
    - This will help continue to improve the looks of Whitcomb Park
  - Brad thought it would be a nice idea if we could push the fence on the back side of the pool back and do a permanent shade structure over there on the grass
- A permanent shade structure is going to be very costly, so do we wait until after we do all of the courts for this and do two more years of the canopies?

The meeting ended at 6:47