

## Recreation Committee Meeting Notes

8/9/2023

**Call to Order:** Kraig Harlow (Recreation Director), Cheryl Mayberry (Selectboard), Marilou Blaine (Recreation Committee), David Kuniholm (Recreation Committee), Evelyn Beliveau (Recreation Committee) and Mike Hayes (Community Member)

**Recreation Committee Chairs:** Scott Rodenhauer showed interested in becoming Head Chair of Recreation Committee. Motion was put in place, second all in favor. David and Diane asked to be Co-Vice Chair. Motion as put in pace, second all in favor. Secretary position was left open.

**Recording the Meeting:** Mike Hayes requested to record the meeting. Cheryl approved his request.

**Pickleball:** Mike Hayes came to speak to the recreation committee on the behalf of the local pickleball players. He said that there are 138 pickleball members in the community looking to increase the amount of pickleball courts that Whitcomb Park has. Currently, the court is hosting 20 players at its peak times during the week and 2 at its lowest. He says there are issues with the three courts and that the better court is hard for players to identify if a game has finished.

He would like 4 courts be put on the tennis court. He requested that a purchase 4 portable nets and tape so he could put lines down on how the court could hold 4 courts. The recreation committee approved his request. Mike also asked if he could research pricing on a new pickleball court or the cost to repair the tennis courts to fit four courts for the next meeting. The recreation committee approved his suggestion.

**Fall Soccer:** Small changes occurred to the soccer signups. Signups will be open August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup> at the pool house from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm with a late signup day of September 5<sup>th</sup>. Kraig Harlow expects 75 to 90 children to sign up for the recreation soccer. Recreation committee saw a picture of the new goals that were purchased in the winter and were assembled at North Walpole School. He is working with Westmoreland, Charlestown and Alstead on coordinating the scheduling of signup times and scheduling.

**Tennis:** Tennis courts are in good shape. David said tennis league has been playing routinely on their Monday and Wednesday and that we need a small repair on a post. Kraig Harlow said he would look at the post with David and see what repairs need to be done.

**Age in Motion:** Marilou says Age in Motion has routinely seen 22 participants in the month of July. She said that the Town Hall is rather hot during the summer and that she would like to look into purchasing a couple of fans for the program and to be stored in the recreation closet during the winter months. Kraig said he would look into a couple of high power fans for the program.

**Budget Discuss for September:** Kraig has suggested a couple of things to consider for the budget. He would like to add an apparel line of \$1,000 dollars, Consider a WSI certification line, and consider adding a Swim Instructor Salary Line for the pool to have 2 swim instructors. Conversation was put on hold by Recreation Committee until everyone had a copy of the budget in front of them and would discuss this at September's meeting.

**Pool:** Pool would be closing August 25<sup>th</sup>. Everything at the pool has operated smoothly this summer with the new filters.