

Recreation Advisory Committee

LOCATION OF MEETING: Sharon Community Center

DATE & TIME: January 22, 2015

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Attendees: Gary Bluestein- Chairman, Steve Lesco -Vice Chairman, Cheryl Whiting, Margaret Marder Mitch Blaustein , Mike Goldstein , Rick Schantz -via tele-conference, Amanda Levasseur -Recreation Director, Christine Kasparian - Assist. Recreation Director

Meeting called to order 7:09 p.m.

Motion made and passed to accept the minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting.

Discussion of FY2016 Budget - Amanda, proposed asking for another full time staff member (37 ½ hrs wk.) to be added to the current staff, at the next Selectmen's Meeting. She proposed the cost of individual's salary be covered half by the current recreation budget and half from the Town's revolving acct. The request is for \$25,405 to be added to the Recreation General Acct. The proposed individual would be scheduled Thursday to Tuesday. Their duties would include overseeing youth programs run by the Rec. Center as well as supervising the water front during its operating season and running the Recreation Basketball program.

Currently, Amanda and Kristine are working well beyond their contracted hours. Without the addition of another staff member, Amanda will be looking for \$3,600 to cover the OT hrs Christine has worked to provide the 3rd of July Festivities, Lake front concerts and other special events.

Amanda also presented her projected lake front budget both with and without extended beach hours. She expressed her concern for only guarding the gates for the extended 2 hour time frame and not properly staffing the beach with life guards. This too will be brought up at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Director's Update : Currently, the interviews for summer staff are underway. With the minimum wage increases to go into effect over the next few years we will have to look at increasing the budget to cover these increases for minimum wage positions as well as proportionate increases to life guard wages to ensure we attract well qualified individuals .

The summer brochures for Theater Camp, Sports Camp, Sailing and Swim Lessons are being finalized. Starting Feb. 1st the camps will be advertised to potentially returning campers.

Kiddie Camp will be dropped this year due to low attendance in the past.

The School Dept run day camp is looking for the Rec. Dept to provide their campers with swim lessons 6 hrs. per week for the duration of their program.

The basketball program is running smoothly under the supervision of the newly hired coordinator. Scheduling adjustments were made so that individuals are able to play in both the Recreation and Travel programs with little to no conflicts. The instructional kindergarten program ended last week .

Lake Review Committee update of their February 5th meeting made.

Through correspondence Gary had with both town administrator(Fred Turkington) and the Town Clerk (Marlene Chused), it was determined that the Recreation Advisory Committee as it currently stands, is group of 8 voting members and 2 ex officio members (school committee liaison and the town administrator). We currently need 5 voting members for a quorum. It was suggested that a motion be made to increase the voting members to nine, by possibly including the school committee member as a voting member or adding a new member the alternative would be to reduce to 7 members so that the odd number allows the Committee to have a quorum easier.

Sitting members of the 250th Celebration gave an update.

Next month, the committee will start inviting the various town sport organizations in to update us on how their groups are doing and their plans for their upcoming seasons. Depending on group availability, the next meeting will be either February 19th or 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Whiting