



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, October 5, 2017

Present: Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Chris Valois
Guests: Paul Bergeron, Tim Traut Savino
Staff: Linda Berger, Maura Palm

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 6:31pm

July 4th Event: All went well. Need to get more involvement from town organizations. Bathroom concerns discussed. Had back-up issue in main baths. Need additional 10 port-o-potty units to handle huge crowds. Discussion on getting adequate lighting for bathrooms and will speak with Mike Polimer, Civil Defense.

Approval of May minutes: Steve Lesco/Cheryl Whiting-2nd-all in favor; zero opposed

2019 Capital Project Requests: Much discussion on various department needs, i.e. gator, recording cameras for Veterans Memorial Park Beach; Splash pad, playground renovations/add playground equipment – possibly and older child element @ Ames Street Playground; possibly Civil Defense building @ Deborah Sampson -4,000 square feet w/baths-discussion on maintenance and cleaning. Upgrade lighting @ Deborah Sampson tennis courts; new bleachers @ Deborah Sampson, Ames St. Gavins (possibly get user groups to contribute.

Committee made suggestions for priority order of said projects for capital submission.

Director's Report: Linda wanted to thank Christine Kasparian, former Assistant Recreation Director, for all her hard work in the past and wish her the best from all of us in her future endeavors. Reminded committee to attend open meeting on beach fees at the Selectmen's meeting on October 17th.

Concert series a success. Not a large enough crowd on rain dates at the Community Center. Motion to change summer concert policy: Gary Bluestein motioned that if inclement weather to cancel; Steve Lesco-2nd; All in favor-zero opposed.

Trunk or Treat-looking for additional vehicles for event to be held on October 29th. Encouraged community to get involved as well as committee members.

Looking to consolidate signs at the beach-is too many signs. Will forward ideas for signage with idea to have project complete by May 2018.

National Conference-Linda attended and got some good program ideas.

Going to hold Pumpkin Carve on October 15th-possibly get someone to sell cider/donuts; Contacted Ward's but have not heard back.

Much discussion on summer programs and numbers/capacity/opportunities. May not offer CREATE next summer as Recreation Department program. Community Education will continue the program.

Received a request from Dover/Sherborn about running a sailing program here. Waterfront-Swim lessons (better instruction from Y instructors); beach passes-wait and see what happens on October 17th.

Kayak rentals did very well as did the one day passes for the waterfront; City Hall Systems does a great job with passes and if we move back to car pass, should bring cost down to help with managing. Serves us well as they are able to access RMV records to confirm residency. Too many individual pass options did in fact drive up price.

Old Business: Discussion on open space & recreation plans survey. Capital Project-drainage concrete at Ames Street

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23pm Steve Lesco/Cheryl Whiting 2nd. All in favor

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2018