

**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, 04.19.17**  
**Wasserman Park, Function Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Julie Poole, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Christine Lavoie, Rick Greenier – MYA, Laura Jaynes and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Dan Dwyer – Town Council and Michael Thompson – School Board Member

Public: David Quimby

Start time: 7:00pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the February Meeting Minutes
  - Rick Greenier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - Laura Jaynes made the correction of the time for the ending of the meeting should say - Laura Jaynes made the motion to adjourn at 8:24pm
  - 5-0-2 motion passed
- 3 Old Business
  - Request from the Naticook Lake Association regarding Veterans Park Boat ramp - David Quimby (caretaker, not member of the Naticook Lake Association)
    - Read letter from Murray Collette of the Naticook Lake Association and letter is attached in these meeting minutes
    - Rick Greenier made the motion to recommend to the Town Council that Parks and Recreation ordinances to include no swimming at the Veteran's Park boat ramp
    - Julie Poole 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
    - 7-0-0 motion passed
  - Looking for new Parks & Rec Committee members - Matt Casparius
    - 2 open seats and 2 alternate seats are open
  - Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie and Matt Casparius
    - Approval of recognition plaque expense
      - Maureen Hall made the motion to approve the reimbursement of the \$30 expense
      - Laura Jaynes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
      - 7-0-0 motion passed
    - Grand Opening – Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 am
    - Fund raising event in May at Friendly's
  - Review of Town Codes for possible revision - Matt Casparius

- Matt Casparius reviewed Town Codes again which are attached in these meeting minutes
- Recommendations are:
  - Remove 142-6. Picnicking in designated areas
  - No changes to 142-8. Use of vehicles
  - 142-9. Animals add in the wording “in accordance with RSA 466:30-a.” and this will be discussed further in the next Parks and Recreation meeting
  - 142-10. Weapons; hunting, trapping and fishing to add the wording C. Fishing is not permitted in designated swimming area’s
  - 142-15. Wasserman Park Beach to remove the wording “Parking for the Wasserman Park Beach shall only be allowed in the parking lot adjacent to the Parks and Recreation office or the parking lot across from the theatre. Signs will identify the parking lot.” Or wording could be: Parking lots at Wasserman parking areas are used for general parking unless otherwise posted”
  - 142-16. Violations and penalties should wording be added regarding something for multiple violations and this will be discussed further in the next Parks and Recreation meeting
- Laura Jaynes made the motion to approve the proposed updated Town Codes
- Christine Lavoie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- 7-0-0 motion passed
- Athletic Fields Subcommittee Update - Matt Casparius and Rick Greenier
  - Subcommittee met on March 20<sup>th</sup> and started reviewing old field plans from 7 years ago and see what is still viable

#### 4 New Business

- Proposed donation to Wasserman Park Basketball Courts - Matt Casparius
  - Resident Mark Roy, asked to donate new basketball hoops at Wasserman Park that would be a total of \$10,088 donation
  - Maureen Hall made the motion to recommend to accept the donation of the \$10,088
  - Laura Jaynes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - 7-0-0 motion passed
- Parks & Recreation Committee Annual Review with the Town Council – 4/27
  - Rick Greenier asked to remind the Town Council of the Athletic Field Subcommittee

#### 5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Summer Hiring Update
  - About 10 jobs are still open
- Summer Registration Update
  - Registrations are still coming in
- Summer Brochure available
- Review of Easter Egg Hunt Event
  - About 1000 people attended – biggest year so far
- Item for May meeting – develop and propose policy for private entities for posting banners on public town property

- The 3 Elementary schools are teaming up again for their Color Run event at Wasserman Park on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and this will need to be approved by the Town Council
- Naticook Day Camp is up again for ACA Accreditation
- Megan Boisvert's job will be able to go full time in July
- Maintenance worker is an open position and will be advised soon for 22 hour per week position
- Wasserman Park Updates:
  - Basement of the Function Hall flooded due to recent rainfall
    - Pipe for sump pump was removed at some point and breaker for sump pump was fixed and new pipe will be installed
  - Some floor tiles in the Function Hall are starting to come up and asbestos is under them so this will need to be reviewed and fixed

#### 6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
  - Indoor bake sale brought in \$200
  - Sign up's for the Foxwoods event for May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Indoor Yard Sale from 9-3 on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- MYA - Rick Greenier
  - Lacrosse and soccer are in session and baseball and softball are next up to open
  - Parade for baseball and softball is May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Assistant secretary position is open
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer – not present
- School Board – Michael Thompson – not present

#### 7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

#### 8 Comments from the Committee

- Julie Poole asked about survey for the bricks for the dog park and the Christine Lavoie said that option is still being discussed
- Julie Poole asked about would the park get sprayed for ticks and Christine Lavoie said there will not be any spraying
  - Matt Casparius said that the town does not spray

#### 9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

#### 10 Adjourn at 8:19pm

- Maureen Hall made the motion to adjourn at 8:19pm
- Laura Jaynes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
- 7-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Creswell