

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 02.15.17
Wasserman Park, Function Hall
7:00 pm

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club,
Michael Thompson – School Board Member, and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA and Dan Dwyer – Town Council

Public:

Start time: 7:03pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from January 18th 2017
 - Laura Jaynes made the motion to accept the January Meeting Minutes
 - Michael Thompson 2nd the motion
 - 5-0-1 motion passed (Chris Christensen is the one)
- 3 New Business
 - Request from Naticook Lake Association – creation of no swimming zone at Veterans Park Boat Launch - Matt Casparius
 - David Quimby said the boat launch is ready to use but is concerned about swimming near the launch and recommended to Kyle Fox to make the area around the launch a no swimming area
 - Kyle Fox contacted Matt Casparius regarding this concern
 - Currently, it is a neighbor's request and this recommendation is not coming from the Naticook Lake Association
 - Laura Jaynes asked if the rope swing was still up at the park and the committee didn't know and will look into it
 - Laura Jaynes will follow up with the Naticook Lake Association to determine if this is a recommendation that will come from the association
 - Brief Discussion on 2010 Athletic Fields Plan Report - Matt Casparius
 - Recommendation that a subcommittee should be created with a few members to review the report and see what needs to be updated
 - Members could include: Parks and Recreation member (Matt Casparius), MYA member (Rick Greenier), School Board member (Michael Thompson) and Laura Jaynes
- 4 Old Business
 - Review of Town Codes for possible revision - Matt Casparius
 - 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 shall be permitted at designated times and locations within restricted recreational areas or wording could be Fishing shall be permitted where signs are posted
- 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
- During March Parks and Recreation meeting the final decision will be made regarding the Town Codes
- April 9th is the Town Council meeting to review the ordains
- Matt Casparius to confirm how many handicap spaces would be needed if they were added to Wasserman Park

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Update on milfoil at Horseshoe Pond and Naticook Lake
 - Milfoil is trending downwards at Naticook Lake
 - Milfoil is trending upwards at Horseshoe Pond
 - The Town has been offered a 30% grant from the State and which includes the removal of the milfoil for one herbicide treatment and one dive harvest at Horseshoe Pond and up to 10 dive harvests at Naticook Lake. This is currently at the Town Council for review
- Budget Update
 - Presentation in January went well and went through as presented and Town Council will make final decision
 - One addition to the budget came from the Town Council and they recommended to look into Twardosky Field and add fencing which is priced no more than \$50,000
- Summer Hiring Update
 - Hiring is at about 50% and jobs are still open and are posted on the Parks and Recreation website
- Upcoming Events
 - 25th Annual Winter Carnival is on Saturday, February 25th from 12pm to 3pm at Wasserman Park

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - Elections of Officers were held and the following are the officers: President Ron Farland, Vice President Bruce Rasmussen, Treasurer Bea Lampen, Recording Secretary Louise

Tedeschi and Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Ekins. The Trustees Irene Gorski, Pricilla Bernasconi, Muriel Buss and Karen Harris

- Signs ups for future events are currently going on to book the events
- MYA - Rick Greenier – not present
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer – not present
- School Board – Michael Thompson
 - School Board budget is at the Budget Committee
 - Next School Board Meeting discussion to include Merrimack Police canine in the schools which in addition to the ongoing drug awareness programs

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee

- Christine Lavoie said the dog park is in full use
- Chris Christensen and Laura Jaynes attended the lighting ceremony at Wasserman Park

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 22nd (Change from normal meeting date due to Town Deliberative Session)

10 Adjourn at 8:24pm

- Laura Jaynes made the motion to adjourn at 7:50pm
- Michael Thompson 2nd the motion
- 6-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell