

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 01.18.17
Wasserman Park, Function Hall
7:00 pm

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

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Chris Christensen, Julie Poole and Dan Dwyer – Town Council

Public: Megan Boisvert, Nicolas Roy, Mark Roy and Jacob Bowen

Start time: 7:00pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from December 7th 2016

- Michael Thompson made the motion to accept the December Meeting Minutes
- Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
- 6-0-0 motion passed

3 New Business

- Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Reeds Ferry Softball Field Shed – Nicolas Roy, Troop 424
 - Equipment shed at Reeds Ferry Softball Field that was requested by TerryAnn Bowen, Program Director for MYA Girls Softball
 - Fundraising by the Troop to cover the approximate cost of \$1695
 - April 30th is opening day for softball and does not have to be the deadline for the project but something to aim for
 - Michelle Creswell made the motion to recommend the Eagle Scout Project Proposal to the Town Council
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 6-0-0 motion passed
- Review of Town Code for possible revision
 - Tabled until the February meeting

4 Old Business

- Merrimack Dog Park Update - Christine Lavoie and Matt Casparius
 - Official Soft Opening was in December 2016
 - Sign will be put up in the spring
 - Fundraising activities are still being planned and the Winter Carnival is the next scheduled event
 - Michael Thompson asked if there will be signs up to show which area is for the small dogs and which area is for the big dogs

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Hiring Update
 - Megan Boisvert was hired and started as the Program Coordinator
- Budget Update
 - Parks and Recreation Committee will present the Town Council the budget during the 01.19.17 meeting
 - Mostly level funded from last year's budget
 - Make Program Coordinator job full time

- Year round Maintenance job
- Upcoming Events
 - 25th Annual Winter Carnival - February 25th from 12-3 at Wasserman Park
 - Summer Camp Registration
 - Nurse and Water Front Director positions still need to be filled
 - There was a Winter Camp offered last year
 - Spring Event with Library is being planned
 - Summer Concert Series is almost completely booked
 - June 21st is the first concert
 - 8 concerts on Wednesday night, concert for July 3rd and Movie Night

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - Elections of Officers were held
 - Sign up is going on for Willoychby Brothers from Ireland for March 15th
 - March 23rd – Marlena Phillips
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Brian Webb was elected as Secretary
 - Sports currently in session include basketball and wrestling
 - Baseball and lacrosse are going on indoors
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer – not present
- School Board – Michael Thompson
 - School Board voted to approve the presentation of the budget to the Budget Committee
 - Not enough fields for the schools

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee - was nothing

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, February 15th
- Wednesday, March 15th

10 Adjourn at 7:50pm

- Maureen Hall made the motion to adjourn at 7:50pm
- Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
- 6-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell