

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 06.21.17
Merrimack Town Hall, Memorial Conference Room
7:00 pm

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Laura Jaynes, Julie Poole, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Christine Lavoie, Peter Albert - Town Council, Rick Greenier – MYA, Michael Thompson – School Board and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused:

Public: Brian Stevens (Troop 424), Harrison Faust (Troop 424), Eric Faust, Lisa Regal (MYA Soccer) and Stephanie Ryan (MYA Soccer)

Start time: 7:02pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from May 17th 2017
 - Peter Albert made the motion to accept the May Meeting Minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 6-0-3 motion passed
- 3 New Business
 - Election of Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
 - Christine Lavoie nominated Laura Jaynes for Chair
 - 9-0-0 passed Laura Jaynes for Chair
 - Chris Christensen nominated Christine Lavoie for Vice Chair
 - 9-0-0 passed Christine Lavoie for Vice Chair
 - Julie Poole nominated Michelle Creswell for Secretary
 - 9-0-0 passed Michelle Creswell for Secretary
 - Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Harrison Faust, Troop 424
 - Project is 3D raised silhouette of a Sherman class destroyer in honor of Merrimack native Admiral Forrest Sherman
 - Cost is roughly \$1500 that will be raised through bake sales
 - Laura Jaynes made the motion to recommend the Eagle Scout Project to the Town Council
 - Julie Poole 2nd the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passed
 - Goal is to be finished by Memorial Day 2018
 - Discussion about dogs on Waterfront at Wasserman Park - Matt Casparius
 - Due to complaints received, need to review what are the ordinances from DES for dogs to swim at the beach

- Christine Lavoie recommended that the dogs aren't allowed on the beach during June, July and August during certain times to allow families access to the beach without dogs
- Julie Poole agreed with Christine Lavoie's suggestion
- Michael Thompson suggested that the dogs are not allowed in the designated roped in swimming area
- Peter Albert suggested we look at the DES ordinances and follow those rules
- Chris Christensen suggested the time period should be May 15th to September 15th
- Chris Christensen recommended the motion to recommend the DES ordinance to the Town Council that no dogs are prohibited in the designated swimming area during May 15th and September 15th
- Chris Christensen withdrew his motion
- Peter Albert made the motion to recommend to the Town Council to post signs at the Wasserman Park beach prohibiting dogs using the public beach area based upon to DES ordinances
- Mike Thompson 2nd the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passed

4 Old Business

- Looking for new Parks & Rec Committee members
- Update from Merrimack Dog Park
 - Dog Park Fund Balance - \$1,049.31 (as of 5/31/17)
 - Approval of expenses for sponsored bench
 - Possible bench sponsor for \$500
 - Mike Thompson made the motion to approve the \$500 expense for the bench
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passed
- Athletic Fields Subcommittee Update
 - Mike Thompson updated that there is talk about having possible areas for future athletic fields
 - Rick Greenier updated that the Horse Hill area is prohibited due to road cost (assess road) for expansion for future possible athletic fields
- Update on O'Gara Drive - Matt Casparius
 - MYA area for future skateboard park
 - Mike Thompson suggested we ask the public their thoughts for the future skateboard park
 - Peter Albert spoke to some MYA members and have money put aside for a basketball court
 - Could Watson Park be another location for the future skateboard park

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Update on new Basketball Hoops at Wasserman Park
 - Due to the donation by Mr. Roy the basketball hoops were installed and being used
- Summer Programs Update
 - June 26th is first day of camp
 - Registration is still open

- American Camp Association Accreditation Visit – July 12th
- Summer Concert Series started June 21st and will be every Wednesday through August
- Summer Movies Nights in the Abby Griffin Park
 - Friday, July 7th Trolls 8:45 pm
 - Tuesday, August 1st Moana 8:30 pm
 - Friday, August 25th Sing 7:45 pm
- 4th of July Information
 - July 3rd Concert in the Abby Griffin Park with Merrimack Concert Association
 - July 4th Activities
 - Sparkler Road Race
 - Annual parade is at 1pm
 - Rotary Family Fun Day
- Miscellaneous Department Updates
 - June 23rd divers will be performing their milfoil collection

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - June 21st was trip to see the Tall Ships
 - August 17th – Clam Bake
 - September 27th – Dance Lessons in 6 weeks
 - October 4th – Fall foliage event
 - Coffee/Tea/Snacks will be served at their monthly meetings
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Spring sports are wrapping up
 - Football registration is open
 - Secretary position is still open
 - Congratulations to Merrimack Youth Association Soccer members
- Town Council –Peter Albert
- School Board – Michael Thompson
 - June 21st last day of school
 - Kim Yarlott won Principle of the Year

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee

- Peter Albert thanked Chris Christensen for his years of dedication

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, August 16th

10 Adjourn at 8:12pm

- Christine Lavoie made the motion to adjourn at 8:12pm
- Laura Jaynes 2nd the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Creswell