

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
7:00 pm Matthew Thornton Conference Room

Attendees: Tom Thornton, Chris Christensen, Shannon Barnes  
Lorraine Lessard, Lynne Wenz, Bob Shagoury, Jackie Flood

Absent: Laura Jaynes, Holly Lewis

Meeting started at 7:05 pm.

1. Tom reported the next meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup> in the Merrimack Memorial Room.
2. Chris made a motion to accept the February minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Shannon Barnes. Lynne provided additional information to Old Business item 1. (b). Tom added the correction of removing the MYA Rep as he was absent due to a family matter. Shannon gave the update for the MYA as noted under (b.). The motion passed 6-0-1 with the amendments. Bob Shagoury abstained.
3. Directors Report: Sherry Kalish
  - a. Summer Concerts are scheduled at 6:30pm every Wednesday from June 19<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> with the exception of Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> when the 39<sup>th</sup> Army Band will perform at 7:30 pm.
  - b. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Festivities start at 10:00am with breakfast and photos with the Easter Bunny. Easter Egg Hunts start at 11:00am for toddlers, 11:15am ages 4 & 5, 11:30am ages 6 & 7, 11:45am ages 8, 9 & 10. The Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will start at 1:00pm.
  - c. Update on status of Dog Park. Kyle Fox is helping me with the proper procedure for the Storm Water Plans that are needed prior to the forestry being done.
  - d. Update on Day Camp, registrations and hiring.
  - e. Update on May 8<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip. We will be touring 2 New Hampshire wineries and Swan Chocolates. Tickets are available by calling the Parks and Rec office at 882-1046.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Lynne reported 400 eggs are ready for the Doggie Easter Egg Hunt. Fund raisers are planned with proceeds to benefit Dog Park. A Dog Park Donation flyer was sent with Dog License renewal forms.
2. Jackie reported Pavilion sub-committee members delivered the timber to be engraved for Roger Duhamal to Chuck Mower.
3. The April committee meeting will be held in the Memorial Room.
4. Jackie would like to set the date for the Annual Yard Sale. Proceeds will benefit Watson Park. After some discussion the date was set for Saturday, June 22nd. Jackie is hoping Richard Maloon and Phil Straight will help with parking again. Help is needed from all committee members.

## **UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

a. Senior Citizens Club: Lorraine Lessard reported on the Senior Club. New officers are:

- President Eleanor Coyne, VP Ron Farland, Recording Secretary Sylvia Hunter, Corresponding Secretary Millie Brightman, Treasurer John Rosa, and Assistant Treasurer Jane Coelho. The Trustee's are Irene Gorski, Karen Harris, Rita Pfannenstiel, Bruce Rasmussen. Appointed Positions are Chaplain Arlene Olson, Sunshine Lady Helen Schrader, Trips Coordinator Lorraine Lessard and Assistant Trips Coordinator Joan Rasmussen.

Dates to remember and Trips scheduled for 2013 include:

- April 15 - Bake Sale with Penny Sale
- May 4 - Moms and Pops Dinner
- June 27 - Play "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Interlakes Summer Theatre.
- July 7 - Boston Pops with Vince Gill "Tanglewood"
- July - Plymouth Getaway - Pilgrim Belle Cruise
- August 5 - Summer Picnic at Senior Center
- August 14 - Broadway and the Feast, Lobster & entertainment
- September - Casablanca by the Sea Cruise
- October 4-6 - Break for Moose Grand Summit hotel
- October 15 - Italian Festival - Luciano's at Lake Pearl
- October 19 - Fall Fair
- November 6 - Miss Saigon play at North Shore
- December 7 - Christmas Dinner

b. MYA: Bob Shagoury - Four elections are coming. Avery Finver announced he will be moving away which will leave a difficult job to fill.

Baseball and Soccer registrations have started. Tom McDonough is the liaison between schools. Lacrosse and Football will have early registration.

c. School Board Rep, Shannon - this is Shannon's last meeting before the elections. Shannon hopes to be reelected and reappointed as the P&R Committee liaison.

d. Town Council Rep - - - this is Jackie's last meeting as the Town Council Representative as Jackie is not running for re-election. Jackie expressed that she felt good about the Wasserman Park tour, dog park area and hopes it will glean results. Also noted she would like to re-join the committee in June.

e. High School Rep.: tabled no rep.

Comments from the Committee:

- Chris thanked Jackie for being on committee and for all her dedication and hard work. This was echoed by fellow committee members.
- Chris asked if the committee would consider scheduling earlier meetings for July and August so we could attend the Summer Concerts. Committee members agreed this was a great idea.

No comments from the Public.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion by Chris Christensen, second from Bob Shagoury 7-0-0