

Merrimack Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2012

Town Hall Meeting Room

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendees:	Chris Christensen	Don Nevers
	Jackie Flood	John Schneider
	Laura Jaynes	Phil Straight
	Sherry Kalish	Tom Thornton
	Lorraine Lessard	Lynn Wenz
Absent	Drew Ploss	

New Business:

- **March minutes** — Motion made by Tom Thornton seconded by Chris Christensen to accept minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Laura Jaynes introduced Holly Lewis.** Holly is a Junior at Merrimack HS and is interested in joining the committee to be the Student Representative.
- **Director's Report**
 - NATICOOK DAY CAMP - Registrations are ongoing. Jobs are posted on the town website under "Position Openings". We have started interviewing for the open positions. We are looking for a New Waterfront Director, lifeguards, camp and maintenance staff.
 - PARK SIGNS - donation from the Rotary. The Town Council accepted the donations. The Rotary is working with DPW on the project.
 - Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, March 31st at 11:00am. The event was co-sponsored with Merrimack Friends and Families. There was a very large crowd with one of the areas running out of eggs. Next year we will purchase more eggs to hide.
 - Summer Concerts are booked from June – August 31st.
 - One Tuesday night concert from 7-9:00 on July 3rd by the Merrimack Concert Assoc.
 - One Thursday night concert on Aug 9 from 7:00-8:00 by the 39th Army Band
 - All other Concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8:00 pm

June 6 ~ Figure 8

June 13 ~ Curly Jones

June 20 ~ Judy Pancoast presents: Extraordinary Children's Music

June 27 ~ Fountain Square Ramblers

July 3 ~ Merrimack Concert Association - **Sunday from 7 - 9 pm

July 11 ~ Jazz First - Pamela Smith & Christopher Guild

July 18 ~ Lakes Region Big Band

July 25 ~ MixedNutz, music on ReverbNation

August 1 ~ The Bel-Airs

- Community Garden - John Lastowka and the MVD completed the project to improve water access for the gardeners.

- Earth Day the Girl Scouts will be doing clean-up and planting projects at Wasserman Park and Merrimack Friends & Families will be working at Twin Bridge Park.
- The Skate Park - Opening Day is Friday, April 20th, from 2:00 – sunset. During the week of school vacation, Saturday, April 21 through Saturday, April 28, the Skate Park will be open from 2:00 - 8:00 pm daily, except Wednesday when it will be closed.
 - Park Hours from April 29 through the end of the school year: **School Year Schedule:**
Friday and Saturday ~ 2:00 - 8:00 pm (*or sunset if before 8:00 pm) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday ~ 3:00 - 6:30 pm
- Other new business
 - Laura Jaynes asked for a volunteer to take over for Janet Cormier as Secretary. With no volunteers, Laura will record the minutes until the next election in June.
 - Weston Park - Tom Thornton asked for an update on when the sign would go back up at the park and when it would reopen. Sherry said Turkey Hill road was paved today. She will check with DPW on the projected timeline.
 - Discussion on Sub-committee members and officers for Dog Park and Pavilion sub-committees. Should they be sworn-in members of the P&R Committee? Sherry was concerned that there were no committee members at the last Dog Park meeting due to Janet's resignation and Lynne's illness. Lorraine Lessard and Holly Lewis will represent the committee at future meetings with Lynne. Jackie Flood said there should be someone responsible for the Cash receipts. Tom Thornton asked if there was a deadline for the fundraising. Phil Straight said the Pavilion sub-committee is hoping the Pavilion foundation will be poured this summer and building this fall.
 - Wasserman Revenue ideas --- Tom asked if Paul was ok with the town setting up an account for Wasserman Park revenues. Sherry will follow-up with Paul.

Updates

- a. Seniors club - Lorraine spoke of upcoming events for the spring and summer: including a trip to Foxwoods on May 9th, the Newport Playhouse on June 28, Boston Harbor/Tall Ships on July 2, and a trip to the Cape Cod Canal for a Dixieland Jazz Cruise on July 29th. June 28th Dixie Land cruise on Cape Cod \$55 residents only. Mothers Day, Fathers Day dinner, Sat., June 2nd. The cost for Senior Citizen club members is only \$10 each. Their big fundraiser, the Fall Fair is Saturday Oct 13. A day trip to Castleton on New Years Eve is also planned. The club meets every Monday. Phil suggested sending information to the Patch.
- b. MYA - teams have been practicing for a few weeks. Adam (DPW) has done a marvelous job with the fields especially at Vets Park. Spring sports kick off next Friday with the Cal Ripken parade. Police Dept will close the road for the parade. The game will be played under the lights. Lacrosse started last week; girls softball starts next; soccer starts May 1st; Babe Ruth baseball starts May 1st and runs until the June time frame. Don Nevers has joined MYA Exec Board. He is the new Liaison replacing Tim Kasmar.
- c. Town Council – Nothing new to report.
- d. School Board — we are waiting to find out who will replace Jenn Thornton
- e. High School Representative – Holly Lewis is working on the procedure to be appointed.

Chris Christensen motioned to adjourn at 7:55. Seconded by Tom Thornton. Motion passed 8-0-0

The next meeting will be held **May 16, 2012 @ 7:00** at the Town Hall Meeting Room. All interested parties are welcome to attend.