

Merrimack Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Wasserman Park Function Hall

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Laura Jaynes, Jackie Flood, Christine Lavoie, Shannon Barnes.

P & R Director: Matt Casparius

Absent: Dan Dwyer, Dan Ricker, Michelle Cushman, Michelle Walters-Byrne (MYA)

Start time: 7:02 pm

1. – Open Meeting/Introductions,
 - Pat Fuller and Danielle Powell: presenting a Merrimack Lions Club Fundraiser proposal for The American Diabetes Foundation.
2. –Approval of the May 21, 2014 minutes
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to accept the May minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 4-0-1 to accept the minutes
3. -New Business
 - Merrimack Lions Club Scarecrow Fundraiser proposal: a power point presentation inspired by the town of Chester, NH, was shown by Lions members Pat Fuller and Danielle Powell. The Chester project has been very successful and promotes community spirit for the fall season. The Merrimack Lions goal is to raise money towards prevention and cure of Diabetes along with improving lives of those affected.
 - The Lions would like permission to sell Scarecrow Kits for \$20 at Watson Park on Saturdays, during the month of September-October. The goal is to promote community spirit and fund raise with scarecrows displayed all around Merrimack. Cost to make \$5, sell for \$20, profit \$15.
 - A purchased kit includes: a burlap painted face and a wooden frame with shoulders. Once you own a kit, the owner then gives him/her its own unique personality by decorating it with clothes items, props, etc. Stuff head, arms, body, and legs with newspaper filled plastic bags. Some personality suggestions:
 - a. Dr. Seuss character
 - b. Mail men
 - c. Policeman
 - d. Fireman
 - e. Scouts
 - f. Story Book characters
 - g. Movie characters (Ariel, Peter Pan)
 - h. Teachers
 - They have given one to the Merrimack Police Dept., the Library, the DPW and the MYA.
 - Sold \$300 already. Pat and Danielle are hoping it catches on with possibly a contest.
 - a. Shannon Barnes made the motion to support sales of this “Scarecrow Fundraiser.”
 - b. Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - c. Motion passed 5-0-0
 - Next step is for Lions to present at the Town Council’s meeting in September.
4. Old Business
 - a) Update on Bylaws Review: postponed
 - b) Dog Park Update: **Bark for your Park** fundraiser fell short in Merrimack. Need to start earlier and build email lists.

- c) Forestry Management Project Update: completed in early June.
 - d) Watson Park Yard Sale: Jackie reminded members that help is needed on Saturday, June 21st from 8 – 2 pm.
5. Election of Officers: all present officers agreed to stay on. Christine Lavoie made the motion, 2nd by Jackie Flood
- Chris Christensen: Chair
 - Laura Jaynes: Vice Chair
 - Michelle Cushman: Secretary
6. Director's Report: Matt Casparius: look on Facebook on-going projects/park cosmetics.
- a) Camp Update: opens June 23. 60% of staff is returning. Low camper enrollment but typically picks up. ACA certification required this year. (every 3 years) 15 kids received campership from \$2725.
 - b) Summer Concert Series Update: look at web page.
 - c) Skatepark Update: new surfaces being done on June 24th.
7. Sub-committee Updates.
- Senior Citizens Club: no rep.
 - MYA: no rep.
 - Town Council: no rep.
 - School Board: Shannon Barnes stated that there was no update.
 - High School Rep.: no rep.
8. Future Meeting Dates
- A brief meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 20th at 6:00 pm at Town Hall to then attend the Concert at the Abbie Griffin Park at 6:30 pm.
9. Comments from the Public: there were none.
10. Comments from the Committee: we need to think about next year's plans.
11. Adjourn at 8:18 pm
- Shannon Barnes made the motion to adjourn
 - Chris Christensen 2nd the motion

Respectfully submitted,

Laura K. Jaynes