

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 02.19.20

Town Hall, Matthew Thornton Room

7:00pm

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Jon Barkley – Alternative MYA, Abbie Cote – Student Representative, Shannon Barnes – School Board Representative, Lon Woods - Town Council and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director

Absent:

Excused: Tracy McGraw, Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA and Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club

Public:

Start time: 7:01pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from January 22, 2020

- Shannon Barnes the motion to accept the January meeting minutes
- Lon Woods 2nd the motion to accept the January meeting minutes
- 6-0-1 motion passed (abstained – Lon Woods)

3 Old Business - Matt Casparius

- Wasserman Park
 - Beach Project update
 - Update is almost complete and should be ready for review in first week of March
 - Winter Storm Damage Insurance Update
 - Contactors will be lined up to give estimate on work needed if insurance money would cover the costs or if it's not worth the extra cost needed to do the work
- Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$2,896.59 (as of 09.18.19)
 - Spring mulch and possible projects are on the agenda
 - Donations of dog safe salt and bags are always needed

4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Wasserman Function Hall
 - see attachment for full fee information for survey findings, proposed fee increases, room set up/break down, business rates and wedding packages
 - 30 rentals during 2019
 - Rotary Club will start painting soon
 - Acoustics will be updated next
 - Shannon Barnes asked when the new rates would start and how would we manage the new rates
 - Matt Casparius said anyone who's already booked will remain at the current rates
 - Next step would be to bring proposal to the Town Council for approval
 - Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the new rental hall fees and packages and to bring to Town Council (if needed)
 - Jon Barkley 2nd the motion to accept the new rental hall fees and packages and to bring to Town Council (if needed)
 - 7-0-0 motion passed to accept the new rental hall fees and packages and to bring to Town Council (if needed)
- Update on Ice Skating Rink
 - Rink is still closed due to the weather
- Summer Camp Updates
 - Registration has been opened for 5 weeks and 566 registrations are in so far

- Summer Hiring has started and 3 job fairs are coming up to help with recruiting
- Report on the Murder Mystery Dinner Event
 - 73 participants and the event generated approximately t \$1,000
- Upcoming Special Events
 - 28th Annual Winter Carnival - Saturday, February 22nd from noon to 3pm at Wasserman Park with 27 groups participating
 - 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4th
 - School vacation week has 46 registrations for activities
 - April school vacation week is still to be determined for activities

5 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
- School Representative – Abbie Cote
 - Mr MHS was rescheduled to 03.17.20 and tickets are \$10
 - Hypnotist Show on 02.20.20
- MYA - Jon Barkley
 - Soccer is in week 5 of 8
 - Spring sign up started 02.19.20
 - Wrestling had their tournament
 - Football registration will start in April
 - Lacrosse has 157 registered
 - Softball 43 registered so far
 - Baseball has 130 registered so far
 - Can MYA expand their communication on Parks and Rec page for which sport is currently accepting registrations
 - Merrimackyouthassociation.com – new website
- School Board – Shannon Barnes
 - Survey for parents for school calendar will be send out through Power School
 - First day of school might change due to election year for NH
 - Deliberative Session is scheduled for 03.03.20 and snow date is 03.05.20
- Town Council – Lon Woods
 - Regular Town Council meetings are back in 2-week intervals
 - Deliberative Session is scheduled for 03.11.20 with snow date of 03.12.20

6 Comments from the Public – was none

7 Comments from the Committee – was none

8 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 18th
- Wednesday, April 15th

9 Adjourn at 7:56pm

- Shannon Barnes made the motion to adjourn at 7:56pm
- Jon Barkley 2nd the motion
- 7-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell