

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 05.18.22

Matthew Thornton Meeting Room Town Hall

7:00pm

Attendees: Christine Lavoie, Laura Jaynes, Laurie Rothhaus – School Board Representative, Rick Greenier – MYA, Lon Woods - Town Council, and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director

Absent: none

Excused: Julie Poole, Tracy McGraw, David Shaw, Phil Przybyszewski, Jamie Devlin, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, TBD – Alternate School Board Representative, Jonathan Barkley – Alternate MYA and TBD – Student Representative

Public: none

Start time: 7:03pm

Open Meeting/Introduction

New Business:

- Approval of minutes from April 20th, 2022
 - Lon Woods made the motion to accept the April meeting minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 4-0-2 motion passed (Laura Jaynes and Michelle Creswell abstained)

Old Business:

- Continued discussion regarding the Skateboard Park - Matt Casparius
 - Current location stays and will continue to look at other areas
 - Laurie Rothhaus said that the Master Plan is in the works for all school district and Phase 2 will include the Skateboard Park
- Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$763.59
 - Park is open and tick spraying recently took place
 - Looking for volunteers for fundraising events you can reach out to friendsofthemerrimackdogpark on Facebook or Matt Casparius
 - Donations for baggies for dog waste is always welcome

Director's Report: Matt Casparius

- Summer Camp Update
 - Beach Renovation Project has been completed
 - Fishing pier will be installed in the next couple of weeks
 - Hiring is still ongoing for and still need lifeguards
 - Camp starts June 27th
- Community Garden Update
 - 59 plots have sold, and the garden is open
 - \$10 for 4X4 plot for Merrimack Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents
- Movie Nights in the Park
 - Saturday, June 18th at 8:30pm - Encanto
 - Saturday, July 23rd at 8pm – Spider-Man No Way Home
 - Saturday, September 3rd at 7:30pm - Sing 2
- Summer Concert Series
 - June 22nd at 6pm – Ben Rudnick and Friends
 - June 29th at 6m – Watson Park Band

- July 6th at 6pm – Cold Chocolate
- July 13th at 6pm – The Reminisants
- July 20th at 6pm – Bob Pratte Band
- July 27th at 6pm – Great Bay Sailor
- August 3rd at 6pm – Whiskey Business Band
- August 10th at 6pm – Tim Perry Rocks
- August 17th at 6pm – Mr. Aaron Music
- 4th of the July Parade and Events
 - Sunday, July 3rd from 6:30-8pm – Concert at Abbie Griffin Park
 - Registration for floats is open online
 - Monday, July 4th:
 - Sparkler 5K by Merrimack Road Runners Boosters Club
 - Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Rotary Club
 - 1pm is start of the Parade
 - 7-9pm - music by DJ Darren Roy at the High School
 - 9pm – Fireworks at the High School

Organization Reports:

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Approximately 1000 kids currently playing spring sports
 - Football registration is open
 - Still need field space
 - Volunteers needed
 - merrimackyouthassociation.com
- School Board – Laurie Rothhaus
 - Naomi Halter is the new School Board Representative for P&R Committee but couldn't attend P&R meeting
 - Hawks are looking to the Middle School gym to use as well as the MYA
- Town Council – Lon Woods
 - Lon Woods was re-appointed the Town Council Representative for P&R Committee
 - Upcoming Town Council Meetings:
 - May 26th
 - June 9th
 - June 23rd
 - Retreat will be coming up
- School Representative – position currently vacant

Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, June 15th
- No meeting in July

Adjourn at 7:21pm

- Laura Jaynes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm
- Lon Woods 2nd the motion
- 6-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell