

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 05.20.15
Town Hall Memorial Conference Room
7:00pm

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Jackie Flood, Christine Lavoie, Dan Ricker, Michelle Cushman, Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA, Dan Dwyer – Town Council, Cinda Guagliumi – School Board and Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused Absent: Laura Jaynes and Melissa Kowalewski

Public:

Start time: 7:00pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
 - New Full Member – Julie Poole
 - New Alternate Member – Melissa Kowalewski

- 2 Approval of minutes from April 15, 2015
 - Maureen Hall made the motion to accept the April Meeting Minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-2 motion passed

- 3 Old Business
 - Update from the Friends of the Merrimack Dog Park
 - Fundraising Efforts To Date
 - Bark for Your Park Contest is up and running
 - Money collected through April 30th is \$2,725 and ending balance is \$23,517.05
 - Funding request for \$23.15 for advertising
 - Upcoming Events/Activities
 - Volunteers needed for 4th of July events
 - Volunteers needed for Ribfest
 - Michelle Cushman made the motion to approve the request for \$23.15
 - Dan Dwyer 2nd the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passed
 - Skateboard Park Cameras and Usage – Matt Casparius
 - No camera's for the park
 - Dan Dwyer explained that the cameras were not formerly requested to the Town Council
 - No vandalism at the park
 - Community Cleanup Projects – Girl Scouts & HS Senior Service Day - Matt Casparius

- High School Senior Service Day was held and 20 students went to Wasserman Park to help clean the park up
- 6 Girl Scout Troops helped to clean up parks
- Update on O’Gara Drive Tennis Courts Conversion
 - Request has been sent and now waiting to hear back as to what can be done going forward for the tennis court area
- Disc Golf Proposal Update for Wasserman Park - Matt Casparius
 - Proposal Plan was submitted to Town Manager and then needs to be submitted to the Town Council to start with a 9 hole course
 - Some revisions have been made from the original proposal and the rules were also included
 - Rick Greenier made the motion to recommend the rules for the Disc Golf to the Town Council
 - Cinda Guagliumi 2nd the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passed

4 New Business

- Park Inspection Visits - Chris Christensen and Matt Casparius
 - Visit selected Park and provide overall impression and list any maintenance projects you feel facility needs and bring bullet list to June meeting for discussion
 - Abbie Griffin Park – Maureen Hall
 - Bishop Field – Maureen Hall
 - Gibson Memorial Complex – Julie Poole
 - O’Gara Drive Recreation Area – Rick Greenier
 - Twardosky Field – Dan Ricker
 - Twin Bridge Park – Cinda Guagliumi
 - Veterans Memorial Park – Jackie Flood
 - Wasserman Park – Parks and Recreation Committee
 - Watson Park – Christine Lavoie
 - Weston Park – Dan Ricker
 - Maureen Hall asked who could clean up around the Senior Center and Matt Casparius will follow up this item

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Update on Parks & Recreation Secretary Position
 - Kelly Valluzzi gave her notice and 34 applications came in for the part time position
 - Interview process is going on and hire date is proposed for June 15th
- Update on DPW Operations Manager Position
 - Adam Jacobs gave his notice and is gone
 - Position is open
- Update on Wasserman Park Improvements
 - Roger Blaze, contractor, is about 90% done and should meet the June 1st deadline
 - Kid’s Kove and Veteran’s Park need routine maintenance

- Summer Hiring Updates
 - Positions for Water Front Director and Water Maintenance are needed
- Summer Program Registrations
 - Registrations are on going
 - Camp opens on Tuesday, June 23rd
- Summer Concert Series Schedule
 - Concerts runs June 17th – August 5th
 - No concert July 1st
- Community Blood Drive – Saturday, June 6th from 9am – 2pm at Wasserman Park
 - Volunteers needed
- Easter Egg Hunt went well and lots of kids participated in the event

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - Monday's – Win-a-Trip Raffle (Feb 23 – June 1)
 - May 18th – Annual Memorial Remembrance Service
 - May 27th – Ogunquit Playhouse – “Sister Act” with Lunch at Warren’s Lobster House
 - June 8th – Mothers & Fathers Day – Pot Luck Lunch at noon – 17 members over 90 years old
 - June 24th – Martha’s Vineyard (Fox Tours)
 - July 8th – Interlakes Summer Theater – “West Side Story” with Lunch at The Bob House
 - July 28-29th – Overnight trip to Boothbay Harbor and Cabbage Island Clambake
 - August 12th – Foster’s Clambake & The Bobby Darling Show
 - September 23rd – Venus De Milo Restaurant & The Beach Boys Tribute Show and sign up starts on May 18th
 - April 27th – Penny and Bake Sale
 - Dues increased to \$20 per person and \$35 per couple
 - Fran Ledoux washed all the curtains
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer is in season
 - Signups for football program
 - Elections were held and Rick Greenier was re-elected as Member at Large
 - Tom Thornton was elected as President
 - Invest for storage building at Wasserman Park is not worth it
 - Present Adam Jacobs a plague for his contributions over the years for the MYA
 - All fields are open
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer
 - Encourage park assignments to get completed and sent to Matt Casparius so the Town Council can review
- School Board – Cinda Guagliumi – School Board Alternate
 - Davis Powell and Andy Schneider were re-elected for School Board
 - Chris Ortega was re-elected for Chairperson
 - Shannon Barnes re-elected for Vice Chairperson
 - Re-org committee assignments were completed and Cinda Guagliumi will attend Parks and Recreation Meetings and Davis Powell as the Alternate for Parks and Recreation Meetings

- Last day of school is June 19th
- Graduation is June 13th
- Mock DUI was held today at the High School

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee

- July 4th Parade is coming up and floats and volunteers are needed
- Farmer's Market opens June 17th at The Vault from 3-6pm

9 Future Meeting Dates

- 06.10.15 (2nd Wednesday of the month) at 6:30pm at Wasserman Park
 - Jackie Flood will not attend this meeting
- No July meeting

10 – Adjourn at 8:15pm

- Michelle Cushman made the motion to adjourn at 8:05pm
- Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
- 10-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cushman