

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 08.08.13

Wasserman Park

Attendees: Jackie Flood, Christine Lavoie, Dan Dwyer, Melanie Lesmerises, Laura Jaynes, Chris Christensen, Lorraine Lessard and Michelle Cushman

Absent: Holly Lewis and Shannon Barnes

Start time: 6:30pm

1 - June Meeting minutes were accepted with two corrections.

- Creswell is Cushman
- Name of family is Dave Smith for the donation of the bench
- Dan made a motion that we approve the minutes with the corrections
- Melanie 2nd the motion
- 7-0-1 to accept minutes with 2 corrections

2 - P&R/Chair Updates: from Chris

- Tom Thornton resigned from P&R
 - We should send a thank you note to Tom
- Sherry Kalish retired

Old Business

1 – Wasserman Park

- Dog Park
 - Paul, Finance Director, said there is progress being made of clearing the dog park area
 - Need to clear less than 1 acre
 - Bid estimates are halted
 - Laura reminded the group to check with the Conservation Committee because Tim the chairman has offered his help
 - Chris to ask Tim to attend the next P&R Meeting

2 – Budget Items

- Who will handle budget items

3 – Election

- When will election for new Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Dan made a motion that the group to have the election votes for Chair and Vice Chair during the current meeting
- Christine 2nd
- 8-0-0 to vote
- Dan made a motion to nominate Chris as Chair
- Chris accepted
- Jackie 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 for Chris as the new Chair
- Christine made a motion to nominate Laura as the Vice Chair
- Laura accepted
- Jackie 2nd the motion

- 8-0-0 for Laura as the new Vice Chair

4 – Day Camp

- Laura talked to Kelly and everything is fine at the camp
- Camp closes on 08.16.13
- Kitchen wants ice machine in Function Hall
 - There is an ice machine there it just needs to be installed
 - Laura to talk with Kelly about who to contact for the installation
- Dan to look into a separate “Friends of” account for the town books
- Laura made a motion to support separate line item
- Christine 2nd
- 8-0-0 to support separate line item for “Friends of”

5 – Watson Park

- Pavilion Update from Jackie
 - Roof and shingles are complete
 - Rocks are needed for water
 - Hydrant is there now
 - Phil, the DPW Director wanted to have an “Adopt a Spot”
 - Water gators from Watson account might be an option
 - Adam from the DWP said the cost to bring water down would be \$6000
 - Idea would be to ask the MFD to help with the water while trees are first planted – with use of water trailer called a gaylord
 - Dan to talk with the MFD about the water trailer idea
 - Possible idea of 2 plain trees to be donated in honor of Harold Watson and Roger Duhamit by an anonymous donor
 - Melanie made a motion to support the acceptance of planting the 2 London tree to plant at Watson Park
 - Dan 2nd motion
 - 8-0-0 for tree planting

6 – Naticook Lake Milfoil Update from Laura

- Herbicide treatment was done in June and it went well
- Boat launch was opened
- Weed watchers found some area and the DES is to report back on the details of those findings
- NH Lake Host is to give training on boat monitoring
 - This might be done through grant money from the state
- Kiosk was built at the launch

New Business

1 – Trees donation to Watson Park by anonymous donor was discussed by Jackie

2 – Eagle Scout Project at Veteran’s Park Boat Launch

- Laura to work with Kelly for Eagle Scout Project for Boat Launch

Updates from the following

1 – Senior Citizens Club from Lorraine

- Broadway and the Feast is scheduled for 08.14 and include lunch and show. Open to Merrimack residents with 4 seats open at the time of the meeting
- There are more events to be booked

2 – MYA from Melanie

Football has started week before 08.08

Jr High football starts week after 08.08

Sign up for football and cheerleaders is closed and is full

3 – Town Council from Dan was nothing

4 – School Board Representative was nothing

5 – High School Representative was nothing

Laura to ask Tom if his son wants to be the representative

Comments from the Committee

Comments from the Public was nothing

Adjourn at 7:35pm

Dan made the motion to adjourn

Lorraine 2nd the motion