

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 01.16.19

Matthew Thornton Room

7:00 pm

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Tracy McGraw, Julie Poole, Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Abbie Cote – Student Representative, Kierstin Merlino and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Corey Davenport, Hillary Baird, Peter Albert - Town Council, Brandy Nenez – School Board Representative and Shannon Barnes (alternate) – School Board Representative

Public: Rohan Sreenivasan from Eagle Scout 424 and Subhash Sreenivasan

Start time: 7:01 pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from November 28th 2018

- Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the November meeting minutes
- Rick Greenier 2nd the motion to accept the November meeting minutes
- 6-0-2 (abstained - Tracy McGraw and Julie Poole)

3 Old Business

- Eagle Scout Project Updates
 - Wasserman Park Lighting Project, Rohan Sreenivasan
 - Finished project in fall of 2018
 - 11 solar powered flood-lights were installed at Wasserman Park
 - Wasserman Conservation Area Information Kiosk, Anthony Milani
 - Kiosk has been installed and just needs to get painted in the spring
 - Wasserman Park Gaga Ball Pit, Ben Haddad
 - Gaga ball pit has been installed
 - Benches will be installed in the spring
- Girl Scout Project Update
 - Hopscotch Court, Girl Scout Troop 10762
 - Town Council gave approval with just one stipulation to look at a different location
- Update from Merrimack Dog Park
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$1,690.04 (as of 01.02.19)
 - Fundraising Calendar Update – still currently running and raised about \$600 to date
- Parks & Recreation Committee Survey - Matt Casparius
 - Survey goes out on social media along with hard copies at different locations in town on 01.17.19

4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Parks & Recreation Budget Presentation to the Town Council
 - Thursday, January 17th at 6:30pm (3rd on the agenda)
- Report on the Annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting
 - Parade cancelled due to weather
- Ice Skating Rink is open at Watson Park
 - Skate with a Date Event – Saturday, January 26th 5-8pm
 - Bring your own skates
 - Pizza will be sold
- Summer Camp
 - Registration starts soon
 - Job postings are at Town Hall and on Parks and Recreation website
- Upcoming Special Events

- 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner - Saturday, February 9th
- Cupid's Family Ball - Saturday, February 16th \$8 at John O'Leary Community Center
- 26th Annual Winter Carnival - Saturday, February 23rd from 12-3pm
 - Ice carving
 - Games
 - Raffles
 - Bake sales
 - Snow shoeing

5 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – see attachment for all future events and dates
 - Elections of Officers were held for the following positions:
 - President – Robert Abramo
 - Vice President – Irene Jenness
 - Secretary – Louise Tedeschi
 - Corresponding Secretary – Phyllis Ekins
 - Treasurer – Pauline Begin
 - Assistant Treasurer – Jeannette Popousky
 - Signups for the Newport Play House – Play the Lone Star and Cabaret
 - Feb 11th – installation of the Officers and will host a coffee and sharing table
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Member at Large and Secretary positions are open
 - Basketball and wrestling are currently in session with wrestling having upcoming big match
 - Lacrosse, baseball, soccer and softball registration will be opening soon
 - merrimackyouth.org for any info
- Town Council – not present
- School Board – not present
- School Representative – Abbie Cote
 - Midterms are starting
 - Pre-enrollment has started for classes for next year

6 Comments from the Public – was none

7 Comments from the Committee

- Tracy McGraw asked about the Zumba class in Wasserman Park's Function Hall
- Kierstin Merlino spoke about other future events for winter and summer
- Julie Poole asked if programs were for Merrimack residents only and they are not – anyone is welcome

8 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, February 20th 2019
- Wednesday, March 20th 2019

9 Adjourn at 7:47pm

- Tracy McGraw made the motion to adjourn at 7:47pm
- Maureen Hall 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell