

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 09.18.19

Town Hall, Matthew Thornton Room

7:00pm

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Tracy McGraw, Rick Greenier – MYA, Lon Woods - Town Council, Abbie Cote – Student Representative and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director and James Golisano, Program Coordinator

Absent:

Excused: Hillary Baird, Julie Poole, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club and Shannon Barnes – School Board Representative

Public: Jonathan Barkley

Start time: 7:01pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from June 19th 2019

- Rick Greenier made the motion to accept the June meeting minutes
- Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion to accept the June meeting minutes
- 6-0-1 motion passed (abstained – Rick Greenier)

3 New Business - Matt Casparius

- Preliminary Discussion on 2020 – 2021 Capital Improvement Requests
 - Wasserman Park requests:
 - Resurfacing the tennis courts for approximately \$37,000
 - Replacement of docks
 - Renovating the basement of the Function Hall for approximately \$60,000
 - Athletic field development
 - 2 Cabins with limited functionality
 - 1 Cabin not useable
 - 4 roofs
 - ADA accessible for main office and Day Camp Office (ramps)
 - Mold in main office
 - Lights at Watson Park
 - Replacement lights for Martel Field
- Athletic Fields – Potential site on Pearson Road
 - Possible field area if Parks and Recreation could acquire the site - TBD

4 Old Business

- Wasserman Park - Matt Casparius
 - Town Engineer is still working on permits for the beach area
- Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$2,896.59 (as of 09.18.19)
 - Possible Spring Fundraiser
 - Winter Park Clean Up – date is TBD
 - Tracy McGraw thanked Parks and Recreation staff for the lawn maintenance

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Summer Camp Updates
 - Summer Camp
 - 992 registrations (about 50 higher than last year)
 - Summer Concert Series
 - Approximately 160 people a week (with 4 weeks of rain and moved indoors)
 - Summer Movies in the Park

- 3 movies were shown
- Wasserman Park Improvements
 - 3 roofs were completed
 - Archery Storage Shed is complete by Boy Scouts TJ Vadney
 - Woodshop building will get new electrical wiring
 - Industrial fans will be installed in the Function Hall
 - Old cabin known as MYA cabin will be taken down
 - Old swimming pool mechanical house will be taken down
 - Extending water line to Dog Park
- Fall brochure is out
- New person needed for the maintenance job

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Football (150), soccer (660), fall softball (40) and fall baseball (40) are currently in session
 - Wrestling, basketball and lacrosse are open for registration
 - merrimackyouth.org website is under construction, so the following are temporary websites to visit:
 - Wrestling – myawrestling.org
 - Lacrosse – myalax.com
 - Basketball – myabasketball.leaguetoobox.com
 - Jonathan Barkley new member at large
- Town Council – Lon Woods – nothing to report
- School Board – Shannon Barnes – not present
- School Representative – Abbie Cote
 - School has started
 - Food Drive currently going on
 - Homecoming – September 28th
 - Peep Rally – September 27th

7 Comments from the Public

- Jonathan Barkley asked for more clarity regarding the beach project and Matt Casparius answered

8 Comments from the Committee – Matt Casparius

- Halloween Party - October 25th
- Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt - November 23rd
- Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting – December 1st
- Rick Greenier asked about the water and or lights needed for the Skating Rink and Matt Casparius mentioned these are TBD
- Johnathon Barkley asked if the sandpit will be winterized and Matt Casparius said the skating rink will be placed over it

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, October 16th
- Wednesday, November 20th

10 Adjourn at 7:52pm

- Rick Greenier made the motion to adjourn at 7:52pm
- Tracy McGraw 2nd the motion
- 7-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell