

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 10.21.20
Virtual Meeting
7:00pm

Attendees on Zoom: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Tracy McGraw, Rick Greenier – MYA, Shannon Barnes – School Board Representative and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director

Excused: Julie Poole, Abbie Cote – Student Representative, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Jon Barkley – Alternative MYA and Lon Woods - Town Council

Public: none

Start time: 7:13pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from September 16, 2020
 - Shannon Barnes made the motion to accept the September meeting minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 6-0-0 motion passed
- 3 Old Business
 - Watson Park Fencing - Matt Casparius
 - Mr. Fence Guy (local company from Merrimack) won the bid and donated the time and only charged for the parts \$13,000
 - Wasserman Park Beach Update - Matt Casparius
 - Still on track to start during the fall of this year which
 - Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$2,761.59
 - Update on Fall Cleanup day
 - Needs to be scheduled and volunteers are needed
 - Mulch delivery still needs to happen and due to Christine's injury, she is asking for a volunteer to help with this task
 - Tracy McGraw will lead this year's clean up and mulch work
 - Donations for baggies for dog waste is always welcome
 - Bring water for your dog as the waterline project is still ongoing
- 4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius
 - Completion of Eagle Scout Project
 - Jay Haddad, Troop 424, Public Beach Changing Rooms Project
 - 6 changing rooms, bathroom and running water
 - David Roy, Troop 424, Basketball Court Barrier Netting Project
 - Located on the lower side of the court
 - Michael Clark, Troop 424, Dog Park Information Kiosk Project
 - Posts are slated to go in the group in the next 2 weeks
 - ADA Assessable Ramp is another project that is in the works
 - Fall Program Updates
 - Wasserman Park 5K Obstacle Course Race – 63 people registered, and it went well
 - 3 new winter races have been added:
 - Hot Chocolate Sampler 2K Race – sample hot chocolate – January 2, 2021
 - Smore the Better 4K – will collect ingredients to make smores - February 6, 2021
 - Turn Up the Heat Chili 6K – try different degrees of spicy chili – March 13, 2021
 - Community Blood Drive – took place on Saturday Oct 10th from 10-2 at Wasserman Park at the Function Hall and had 38 donors

- Community Blood Drive – December 23rd from noon – 5pm at Wasserman Park at the Function Hall
 - Testing for COVID antibodies
 - Receive free long sleeve shirt
- December school vacation week will be offered and registration will begin soon
- Annual Halloween Party: The Monster Stroll (Event sold out)
 - Saturday Oct 24th at Wasserman Park – completely outdoor from noon to 3pm
 - Merrimack residents only – 300 people total
 - Time entry tickets to limit amount to people at the event at intervals
 - Participants will go from cabin to cabin to enjoy each activity
 - Volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 3pm
- Annual Holiday Happenings Events
 - Parade, tree lightening events and candy cane scavenger hunt sponsored by Macaroni Kid – due to restrictions with masks, the parade might be cancelled
- Town budget items to be discussed during our November meeting

5 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
- School Representative – Abbie Cote – not present
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Fall baseball, softball and football will finish on November 15th
 - Baseball and wrestling registration will be coming up
 - Rick Greenier thanked the DPW for all the work they do to get all the playing areas ready
 - Rick Greenier thanked Sweet Ginger who donated a score board
 - merrimackyouthassociation.com
- School Board – Shannon Barnes
 - Middle School is currently in a 2-week shut down due to a positive COVID test
 - High School has reported 6 positive COVID cases
 - October 30th is the next date to review all benchmarking items
 - Tracy McGraw asked if voting will be affected with the positive cases and Shannon Barnes stated no issues due to nightly cleaning and protocols put in place
- Town Council – Lon Woods – not present

6 Comments from the Public – was none

- Those wishing to participate in "public comment" can do so via a dedicated e-mail address prior to the start of the meeting. These e-mails can be read at the discretion of the participants or recorded for the meeting minutes as part of the public record. Emails should be sent to: mcaseparius@merrimacknh.gov. All e-mails sent to this address for the September 16th meeting will be forwarded to ALL members of the Parks & Recreation Committee as long as they are received before the meeting begins.

7 Comments from the Committee – was none

8 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, November 18th, 2020
- December is undecided

9 Adjourn at 7:53pm

- Shannon Barnes made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm
- Tracy McGraw 2nd the motion
- 6-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell