**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 03.20.19**

**Matthew Thornton Meeting Room**

**7:00pm**

Attendees: Christine Lavoie, Corey Davenport, Hillary Baird (7:05pm), Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Peter Albert - Town Council, Abbie Cote – Student Representative and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director and Kierstin Merlino, Program Coordinator

Absent:

Excused: Laura Jaynes, Brandy Nenez – School Board Representative and Shannon Barnes (alternate) – School Board Representative

Public:

Start time: 6:58 pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from February 20th 2019

* Peter Albert made the motion to accept the February meeting minutes
* Corey Davenport 2nd the motion to accept the February meeting minutes
* 5-0-2 (abstained – Maureen Hall and Michelle Creswell)

3 Old Business

* Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
  + Dog Park Fund Balance – $2,407.59 (as of 02.28.19)
* Parks & Recreation Committee Survey Results - Kierstin Merlino – see attached results
  + Committee agreed to leave the survey open

4 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

* Kierstin Merlino has given her notice to pursue a job in MA and the job has been posted
* Report on 27th Annual Winter Carnival
  + 28 groups participated
* Upcoming Special Events
  + 27th Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 13th from 10-11:30am
    - 10,000 Easter eggs
    - $500 donation from Santander Bank
    - Free picture with Easter Bunny
  + 2nd Annual Earth Day Community Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 20th from 10am - noon
    - Sign up on Parks and Recreation website
    - Meet at 9:30/9:45am to gather supplies
* Summer Camp
  + Enrollment Update – 521 registrations in to date
  + Staffing Update –see attached for positions that are still open
  + Miscellaneous Updates
* Movies in the Park
  + Lion’s Club will sponsor with hot dogs – Ralph Breaks the Internet - July 5th at 8:30pm
  + National Ice Cream Day – Mary Poppins Returns – July 21st at 8:15pm
  + National Night Out with the Merrimack Police Department - Incredibles 2 - August 6th at 8pm
* Summer Concert Series start on June 19th
* Summer Brochures are complete

5 Organization Reports

* Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – see attachment for all future events and dates
  + John Wagner passed away and had a lot to do with the center
  + April 13th from 9am-2pm – Yard Sale
  + May 8th - sign up for Foxwoods Trip
* MYA - Rick Greenier
  + Member at Large and Secretary positions are open
  + Coaching positions are open
  + Softball, some baseball, spring soccer and lacrosse registration will be opening soon
  + Fields are limited for sporting needs
  + merrimackyouth.org for any info
* Town Council – Peter Albert
  + Town delivery session is now complete and now goes to the voters
* School Board – Brandy Nenez – not present but sent comments to Matt Casparius
  + June 8th is graduation
  + School committee is still discussing turf field
* School Representative – Abbie Cote
  + Episodes On An Autumn Evening will be going to State Festival
  + Celebration of Song – chorus event on March 19th
  + Cavalcade of Bands – March 28th

6 Comments from the Public – was none

7 Comments from the Committee

8 Future Meeting Dates

* Wednesday, April 17th 2019
* Wednesday, May 15th 2019

9 Adjourn at 7:31pm

* Rick Greenier made the motion to adjourn at 7:31pm
* Hillary Baird 2nd the motion
* 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Creswell