**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 04.18.18**

**Merrimack Town Hall, Matthew Thornton Room**

**7:00 pm**

Attendees: Christine Lavoie, Hillary Baird, Tracy McGraw, Julie Poole, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Rick Greenier – MYA, Peter Albert - Town Council and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Michael Thompson – School and Laura Jaynes

Public: Rohan Sreenvasan, David Gailus

Start time: 7:00pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from March 21st 2018

* Maureen Hall made comment to make the correction to #8 the first bullet should be Tracy McGraw not Becky Thompson
* Maureen Hall made the motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes
* Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
* 4-0-4 motion passed

3 New Business

* Eagle Scout Candidate Rohan Sreenvasan, Wasserman Park Lighting Project
	+ Installation of solar powered flood lights along the pathways (see attachment)
	+ Estimated cost is $900
	+ Fund raising ideas are bake sales, car wash and go fund me page
	+ Peter Albert asked if DPW will be helping out for the digging and help with the water line and Matt Casparius confirmed yes for both
	+ Peter Albert asked if a page with the map of the park and the locations for the lights be put in the presentation for the Town Council Meeting
	+ Peter Albert made the motion to except the Wasserman Park Lighting Project and to be presented to the Town Council
	+ Julie Poole 2nd the motion
	+ 8-0-0 motion passed
* Report on Annual Parks & Recreation Committee Review with the Town Council - Christine Lavoie
	+ Christine Lavoie and Laura Jaynes gave the annual report to the Town Council

4 Old Business

* Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
	+ Dog Park Fund Balance – $1,890.79 (as of 3/31/18)
	+ Upper parking lot and dog park will be part of the Earth Day Clean Up
	+ Rabies Clinic at Tractor Supply on 04.21 from 9:30 – 11 am
	+ Dog Biting Dog Incident
		- Dog bite another dog and the Dog Park Sub Committee will be reviewing this incident and the rules
			* Maureen Hall suggested 3 bites was the rule at the Humane Society and then needed to be muzzled
	+ Rick Greenier asked if the fence was fixed and Matt Casparius commented that the company has been hired but due to weather the fence hasn’t been fixed yet
* O’Gara Drive Update - Matt Casparius
	+ Skateboard Park is open
	+ Demolition of old tennis courts is scheduled for week of 04.23
	+ Peter Albert commented that due to all the rules the basketball courts can’t be demolished with the tennis courts
	+ Peter Albert stated that it’s proposed the ice skating rink to move to Watson Park, the basketball court is proposed to move to the MYA and skateboard park is staying where it is for now

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

* Review on the 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
	+ Event was held on 03.24 and approximately 600 people attended and 12,000 eggs were given out
* Summer Camp
	+ Registration – 438 registrations as of now
	+ Summer Hiring – Counselor in Trainer Coordinator, Arts and Crafts Director and a Special Needs Aid
* Upcoming Special Events
	+ Earth Day Clean Up Sunday, April 22nd to start at the Town Hall before going to the parks and 18 groups have signed up which are about 100 volunteers
* Athletics Fields are now currently opened as of 04.18
1. Organization Reports
* Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
	+ Yard Sale was cancelled
	+ The Center is getting painted and updates to the landscaping
	+ See attachment for upcoming events
* MYA - Rick Greenier
	+ Secretary and Member at Large positions are still open
	+ Baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer will start soon
* Town Council – Peter Albert
	+ After further research for a federal grant to build walkway at Watson Park it was concluded that it will not be an option due to high cost and therefore now state grants are now being researched
* School Board – Michael Thompson – was absent

7 Comments from the Public – was none

8 Comments from the Committee

* Welcome new member Tracy McGraw

9 Future Meeting Dates

* Wednesday, May 16th
* Wednesday, June 20th

10 Adjourn at 7:45 pm

* Rick Greenier made the motion to adjourn at 7:45pm
* Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
* 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Creswell