**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 05.15.19**

**Memorial Conference Room**

**7:00pm**

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Corey Davenport, Julie Poole, Tracy McGraw, Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Shannon Barnes – School Board Representative (7:08pm arrival), Abbie Cote – Student Representative and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director

Absent:

Excused: Hillary Baird and Lon Woods - Town Council

Public: Max Townsend from Eagle Scout Troop 48 and Melissa Miller

Start time: 7:00pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from April 17th 2019

* Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the March meeting minutes
* Corey Davenport 2nd the motion to accept the March meeting minutes
* 7-0-2 motion passed (abstained – Julie Poole and Tracy McGraw)

3 New Business

* Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Max Townsend, Boy Scout Troop 48
	+ Part 1 - Revitalize current wallball court in Wasserman Park and add a pickleball court to it
	+ Part 2- Build a split rail fence along back of playground and baseball field at Wasserman Park
		- $1675 is approximate cost for both projects and future fundraisers ideas are in the works
	+ Tracy McGraw made the motion for both parts of the project to go to the Town Council
	+ Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
	+ 10-0-0 motion passed

4 Old Business

* Survey Results & Goal Setting - Matt Casparius
	+ Not much change from last month – about 30 more responses
	+ Focus on fields is still top on the list
	+ Group partnership with Parks and Rec, Schools and MYA to further discuss fields
* Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
	+ Dog Park Fund Balance – $2,896.59 (as of 5/6/19)
	+ Prepping for mulch delivery

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

* Program Coordinator Hiring Announcement
	+ James Golisano started this past Monday
* Update on Watson Park Improvements
	+ Building 3 new beach volleyball courts will soon get started
* Report on the Community Clean Up Day
	+ Original date was rained out and had 14 groups with approximately 100 volunteers that cleaned up 12 sites
* Upcoming Special Events
	+ Concert Series (10 concerts) - Wednesdays June 19th – August 21st 6:00 pm
	+ Summer Movies in the Park - Friday July 5th - Wreck It Ralph 2 8:30 pm at Abbie Griffin Park
		- Free Hot Dogs Sponsored by the Lions Club
	+ Sunday July 21st – Mary Poppins Returns 8:15 pm at Abbie Griffin Park
		- National Ice Cream Day
	+ Tuesday August 6th – Incredibles 2 8:00 pm
		- National Night Out with Police Dept. at American Legion Field
* Summer Camp Update
	+ Enrollment Update – 907 kids registered so far
	+ Staffing Update – specialty positions still open
* Miscellaneous Updates
	+ Waterfront Improvement Project Update
		- Permits are in the works right now and will take a few months with construction to start after all is in place

6 Organization Reports

* Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – see attachment for all future events and dates
	+ August 15th – next event being planned
	+ Memorial service on Monday 26th for members that have passed away
* MYA - Rick Greenier
	+ Member at Large and Secretary positions are open
	+ Baseball, softball and lacrosse are in session
	+ Football and cheerleading are open for registration
	+ 50th anniversary celebration at Anheiser Busch
	+ Executive board elections will be held
	+ Thanks to: Elbit and Getinge companies for donating use of fields
	+ merrimackyouth.org for any info
* Town Council – Laura Jaynes reported that Peter Albert is no longer the Town Council Representative to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Our new representative is Lon Woods; who was not present.
* School Board – Shannon Barnes
	+ Cameras park will be installed at the skateboard
	+ Mark McLaughlin will be the new Superintendent
* School Representative – Abbie Cote
	+ Concert next week
	+ Finals will be starting soon
	+ June 8th at 10am is graduation

7 Comments from the Public – was none

8 Comments from the Committee:

* Laura Jaynes reported that we will be holding Annual Committee Elections at the next meeting

9 Future Meeting Dates

* Wednesday, June 19th 2019
* Wednesday, August 21st 2019

10 Adjourn at 7:pm

* Shannon Barnes made the motion to adjourn at 7:45pm
* Tracy McGraw 2nd the motion
* 10-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Creswell