

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 08.15.18
Merrimack Town Hall, Matthew Thornton Room
7:00 pm

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Hillary Baird, Tracy McGraw, Corey Davenport, Abbie Cote – Student Representative, Rick Greenier – MYA, Peter Albert - Town Council, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Shannon Barnes (alternate) – School Board (7:08pm) and Michelle Creswell
Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Julie Poole

Public: Kimberly Sherman

Start time: 7:05 pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from June 20th 2018 and July 18th 2018
 - Corey Davenport made the motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes
 - Peter Albert 2nd the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passed
 - Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the July Meeting Minutes
 - Tracy McGraw 2nd the motion
 - 7-0-3 motion passed
- 3 New Business
 - Bench Donation Proposal from Kimberly Sherman for Wasserman Park – see attachment
 - Kimberly Sherman stated she would like to donate a bench for her husband's birthday and is flexible with style but would like to overlook the water
 - Peter Albert stated we need to keep in mind this would be setting the tone for other possible benches and location
 - Rick Greenier made the motion to accept the Bench Donation Proposal from Kimberly Sherman for Wasserman Park
 - Michelle Creswell 2nd the motion
 - 11-0-0 motion passed
- 4 Old Business
 - Update on Watson Park Fencing
 - Peter Albert stated that Kyle Fox presented to the Town Council about the fencing and extension of the parking lot and this will be revisited at the next Town Council meeting on August 16th for further discussion
 - Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$1,640.04
 - The committee is not adding anymore mulch at this point and will have a work day to clean up the park

- Fundraising event that is in the works is a pet photo contest for a 2019 Calendar – more information on their Facebook page, Pet's Choice and Parks and Recreation website

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Update on Program Coordinator
 - 25 applicants applied and Kierstin Merlino was hired - her first day was August 13th
- Upcoming Summer Programs
 - Scholarship Donators
 - Merrimack 360 donated \$1260
 - Merrimack Friends and Family donated \$1050
 - American Cancer Association donated \$550
 - Bear Christensen Trust donated \$420
 - Merrimack Lion's Club donated \$210
 - Park Building Repairs
- Update on Fall Programs
 - Complete and available at Town Hall, Library and Parks and Recreation website
- Update on O'Gara Drive Repairs
 - Skateboard Park is closed due to maintenance issues that are in the process of getting repaired and once complete the Skateboard Park will be open

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – see attachment for future events and dates
 - July - Show Boat event
 - August 6th – Rambling Richard
 - August 14th – Bobby Rydell Concert
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Budget discussion will be in session
 - Football/cheerleading, soccer, fall baseball fall softball are coming up next
 - Secretary and Member At Large positions are still open
 - Peter Albert asked Rick Greenier for the MYA to make suggestions to where the basketball court should be located
 - Rick Greenier will bring this to their September meeting
- Town Council – Peter Albert
 - Covered above
- School Board (alternate) – Shannon Barnes
 - School Board has asked the Town Council for a joint meeting to discuss the Skateboard Park
 - Plan to be provided the next 90 days to Primex (School and Town's insurance company)
 - Skateboard Park will remain open through the summer once the repairs are complete
 - Fall schedule is in progress
 - September 4th is the first day of school
- School Representative – Abbie Cote
 - Band Camp is starting week of August 20th

7 Comments from the Public – was none

8 Comments from the Committee – Hillary Baird

- Parks and Recreation Survey to poll the community in an anonymous survey about ideas of what they would like for the town parks
- Matt Casparius stated to add the Why after what do you like the least
- Rick Greenier asked should be add do you have children
- Corey Davenport asked should we add is there age groups lacking events and ask gender
- Peter Albert asked should be update question to 3 to say organized sports
- Shannon Barnes asked should we what type of sports fields to feel are lacking
- Christine Lavoie asked should we ask what activities do they do out of town
- Committee suggested to update the question 4 about outdoor space to say which type of outdoor space and offer suggestions and other
- Peter Albert stated Matt Casparius should talk to the Town Manager about the survey and any concerns
- Hillary Baird will update the survey and send it out the committee for review

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, September 19th - will be in the Memorial Conference Room
- Wednesday, October 17th

10 Adjourn at 8:09pm

- Maureen Hall made the motion to adjourn at 8:09pm
- Rick Greenier 2nd the motion
- 11-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell