**Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 05.16.18**

**Merrimack Town Hall, Matthew Thornton Room**

**7:00 pm**

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Julie Poole, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Rick Greenier – MYA, Peter Albert - Town Council, Shannon Barnes (alternate) – School Board (arrived at 7:10) and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Michael Thompson – School Board, Hillary Baird and Tracy McGraw

Public: Ethan Burns, Joel Burns, Corey Davenport and Ben Haddad

Start time: 7:00pm

1 Open Meeting/Introduction

2 Approval of minutes from April 18th 2018

* Rick Greenier made the motion to accept the April Meeting Minutes
* Peter Albert 2nd the motion
* 6-0-1 motion passed

3 New Business

* Eagle Scout Candidate Ethan Burns, Wasserman Park – Chapel in the Grove Project
  + Paint and removal of graffiti, removing brush/trees, removing old benches and installing 14 new benches (see attachment)
    - Where do the old benches go – remain in the park or removed and moved somewhere else or throw away?
    - What color should be used for paint?
  + Estimated cost is $460
  + Fund raising ideas are car washes and bake sales
  + Rick Greenier made the motion to except the Chapel in the Grove Project and to be presented to the Town Council
  + Julie Poole 2nd the motion
  + 8-0-0 motion passed
* Lake Naticook Conservation Association - Laura Jaynes
  + Buoys are out and milfoil has been marked and is ready for the diving team to be removed weekend of 05.18.18

4 Old Business

* Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
  + Dog Park Fund Balance – $2,540.79 (as of 05.01.18)
  + Request for use of $999 to purchase additional playground wood chips
    - Shannon Barnes made the motion to release the funds for $999 to purchase additional playground wood chips
    - Maureen Hall 2nd the motion
    - 8-0-0 motion passed
* O’Gara Drive Update - Matt Casparius
  + Old tennis courts are gone and grass is in the process of growing
* Report of completion of Dog Park Storage Shed - Christine Lavoie
  + Girl Scout Troop 14002 finished the shed and it came out great

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

* Report on Earth Day Community Clean Up
  + April 22nd – 304 volunteers, 28 groups and cleaned up 18 places in Merrimack
* Function Hall Improvement Project
  + Issues with flooring in Function Hall and tiles were removed and carpet was put down
* Summer Camp
  + Registration – about 150 registrations new since last meeting
  + June 25th is the first day of camp
  + August 17th is the last day of camp
  + Summer Hiring – Counselor in Trainer Coordinator and Archer Instructor Arts are needed
* Upcoming Special Events
  + Summer Concert Series
    - Wednesdays, June 20th – August 15th
  + Summer Movies in the Park
    - Friday, June 8th Murder on the Orient Express - Lions Club
    - Friday, July 13th Back to the Future
    - Friday, July 27th The Lion King - Lions Club
    - Tuesday, August 7th Despicable Me 3 - Nat’l Night Out
    - Friday, August 24th Boss Baby
* Goal Setting Meeting
  + Bring ideas to June meeting
* Program Coordinator Search
  + Megan Boisvert gave her notice and will be leaving in 3 months
  + Matt Casparius is reviewing the job description and will make updates as needed

1. Organization Reports

* Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
  + May 19th - Mom and Pop Dinner
  + June 4th – Tots to Teens Event with ice cream social
  + See attachment for upcoming events
* MYA - Rick Greenier
  + Secretary and Member at Large positions are still open
  + Baseball/Softball Parade took place
  + Baseball, softball, lacrosse and spring soccer are in session
* Town Council – Peter Albert
  + Town Council Retreat is coming up and some items on the agenda are:
    - Watson Park – volleyball courts and ice skating rink
    - Path underneath Chamberlin Bridge
    - O’Gara Drive and skateboard park
    - Docks at Wasserman Park
* School Board (alternate) – Shannon Barnes
  + June 16th is graduation day
  + June 22nd is the last day of school
  + Working towards communication and more dialog for plans for O’Gara Drive

7 Comments from the Public – was none

8 Comments from the Committee – was none

9 Future Meeting Dates

* Wednesday, June 20th

10 Adjourn at 7:45pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Creswell