Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, 05.18.22  
Matthew Thornton Meeting Room Town Hall  
7:00pm

Attendees: Christine Lavoie, Laura Jaynes, Laurie Rothhaus – School Board Representative, Rick Greenier – MYA, Lon Woods - Town Council, and Michelle Creswell  

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director  

Absent: none  

Excused: Julie Poole, Tracy McGraw, David Shaw, Phil Przybyszewski, Jamie Devlin, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, TBD – Alternate School Board Representative, Jonathan Barkley – Alternate MYA and TBD – Student Representative  

Public: none  

Start time: 7:03pm  

Open Meeting/Introduction

New Business:  

- Approval of minutes from April 20th, 2022  
  - Lon Woods made the motion to accept the April meeting minutes  
  - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion  
  - 4-0-2 motion passed (Laura Jaynes and Michelle Creswell abstained)

Old Business:  

- Continued discussion regarding the Skateboard Park - Matt Casparius  
  - Current location stays and will continue to look at other areas  
  - Laurie Rothhaus said that the Master Plan is in the works for all school district and Phase 2 will include the Skateboard Park  

- Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie  
  - Dog Park Fund Balance – $763.59  
  - Park is open and tick spraying recently took place  
  - Looking for volunteers for fundraising events you can reach out to friendsofthemerrimackdogpark on Facebook or Matt Casparius  
  - Donations for baggies for dog waste is always welcome

Director's Report: Matt Casparius  

- Summer Camp Update  
  - Beach Renovation Project has been completed  
  - Fishing pier will be installed in the next couple of weeks  
  - Hiring is still ongoing for and still need lifeguards  
  - Camp starts June 27th

- Community Garden Update  
  - 59 plots have sold, and the garden is open  
  - $10 for 4X4 plot for Merrimack Residents and $25 for Non-Residents

- Movie Nights in the Park  
  - Saturday, June 18th at 8:30pm - Encanto  
  - Saturday, July 23rd at 8pm – Spider-Man No Way Home  
  - Saturday, September 3rd at 7:30pm - Sing 2

- Summer Concert Series  
  - June 22nd at 6pm – Ben Rudnick and Friends  
  - June 29th at 6m – Watson Park Band
• July 6th at 6pm – Cold Chocolate
• July 13th at 6pm – The Reminisants
• July 20th at 6pm – Bob Pratte Band
• July 27th at 6pm – Great Bay Sailor
• August 3rd at 6pm – Whiskey Business Band
• August 10th at 6pm – Tim Perry Rocks
• August 17th at 6pm – Mr. Aaron Music

• 4th of the July Parade and Events
  o Sunday, July 3rd from 6:30-8pm – Concert at Abbie Griffin Park
  o Registration for floats is open online
  o Monday, July 4th:
    ▪ Sparkler 5K by Merrimack Road Runners Boosters Club
    ▪ Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Rotary Club
    ▪ 1pm is start of the Parade
    ▪ 7-9pm - music by DJ Darren Roy at the High School
    ▪ 9pm – Fireworks at the High School

Organization Reports:
• Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall – not present
• MYA - Rick Greenier
  o Approximately 1000 kids currently playing spring sports
  o Football registration is open
  o Still need field space
  o Volunteers needed
  o merrimackyouthassociation.com
• School Board – Laurie Rothaus
  o Naomi Halter is the new School Board Representative for P&R Committee but couldn’t attend P&R meeting
  o Hawks are looking to the Middle School gym to use as well as the MYA
• Town Council – Lon Woods
  o Lon Woods was re-appointed the Town Council Representative for P&R Committee
  o Upcoming Town Council Meetings:
    ▪ May 26th
    ▪ June 9th
    ▪ June 23rd
    ▪ Retreat will be coming up
• School Representative – position currently vacant

Future Meeting Dates
• Wednesday, June 15th
• No meeting in July

Adjourn at 7:21pm
• Laura Jaynes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm
• Lon Woods 2nd the motion
• 6-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell