

MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Wednesday, April 6, 2016- 4:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair
Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Vice-Chair
Councilor Nancie Cameron
Councilor David Witham

Administration/staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Recreation Supervisor Kristen Ducharme
Deputy City Clerk Elise Brellis

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting. The motion passed, 4-0.

NOBLE PINES BALL FIELD ADVERTISING SIGNAGE

City Manager Belmore introduced a request from Lisa Roseberry to allow Convenient MD to advertise at the ball-field to generate revenue for the City and to give Convenient MD a way to get its name out in the area. The original sign would have been a large 4” by 30” sign to be put up and then taken down after games. That sign has already been taken by another (community) but there is still another, smaller sign available which would generate some although less revenue. For the most part, no one on the committee had a problem with the concept; they just want some control of the content of the advertising. Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Cameron, moved to authorize the City Manager to allow this type of advertising sign. The motion passed, 4-0. Councilor Witham wants to develop tighter language. The City Manager said he sees this as a pilot issue. Councilor Pepin would not be opposed to permanent signs as long as they are tasteful and money is generated toward the upkeep of the fields. Councilor Pepin thanked Councilor Witham very much for the scoreboard dedication.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kristen Ducharme, Recreation Supervisor, gave the Committee an update on various aspects of her department. Councilor Pepin said he was taken aback with talk about Kids Camp. Kristen Ducharme said that especially with the early bird fee (all programs are in the black.) There was some discussion about the boat launch which is just for hand carry; canoes and kayaks, etc. Ms. Ducharme went over the tentative timeline and list of improvements to be completed at Millennium Park. Some small projects will be

completed throughout the summer and the park and ball-field will remain open until August 31, 2016. The larger projects will be done in September 2016. They discussed removing a fence, but decided to keep it in place feeling that it adds security and makes parents feel better.

The City Manager talked about the difficulty of recruiting camp counselors. He wants to increase the pay offered. He said that they like to hire Somersworth kids. Kristen said they are looking for kids who are age 17+.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilor Dumont moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise B. Brellis, Deputy City Clerk