

MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Wednesday, June 29, 2016- 4:00 P.M.

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

Administration/staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Recreation Supervisor Kristen Ducharme
Director of P&CD, Shanna Saunders
City Clerk Trish Harris

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 3:58 pm.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting. The motion passed, 3-0.

RECREATION UPDATES

Councilor Pepin said that Councilor Paradis asked for signs about swearing and smoking. It was determined that unruly kids are a police matter, and the police should be called for any problems. There was discussion about cameras at the skate park.

Director of Planning and Community Development Saunders and Recreation Supervisor Ducharme reviewed the memo that was distributed to all at the meeting. (See attached)

There was discussion about Mast Dam Recreation Area – Details from the memo.

City Manager Belmore said staff will come up with recommendations for how to use the \$1000 donation. Councilors can make recommendations as well. Rec Supervisor Ducharme said she would like to see a kiosk for a map etc.

City Manager Belmore commented on the appreciation plaques. There was talk about having them at Mast Point and/or Noble Pines. Councilor Pepin mentioned Willand Pond as another location for appreciation plaques. The companies may have a specific way they want this to be done. RS Ducharme said she has talked to both companies and they want an idea of what we are thinking. There was discussion of one or all 3 parks/separate plaques.

RS Ducharme gave an update on Summer camps. She is sending weekly email updates to parents. They have visited State parks and had other Field Trips which is included in the price of camp. They also participate in a beach clean up at Foss, Rye Beach.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor McCallion brought up the topic of the Somersworth Athletic Assoc. Parents went out on their own and formed a group. They are going to raise funds and then get more people involved. Money is used to support the recreation programs, all sports and activities. They are looking into 501c3. There was also discussion about a website for this association.

Councilor Pepin asked about the use of the restrooms at Noble pines. League pays to have a potty on there, it gets tipped over etc. Councilor Witham is the President of the Babe Ruth League, and he locks the porta potty. Others think it should be left open. Is there a way to give other teams, leagues the ability to open the restrooms? City Manager Belmore said the issue is storage and safety of equipment. They can look into modification to the building to secure it better or could look into a city funded porta potty for the summer months. The City is always looking to improve the use of the facilities and make sure the parks are in good shape. There was lengthy discussion about locks on doors and how to secure the building.

It was determined that individual organizations can have their own porta potty.

Councilor Pepin said a lady asked if they could walk around the bases in the grass with a soccer ball. RS Ducharme said that is fine, but stay away from the infield.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilor McCallion moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk