Board of Recreation Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2016

Town Hall

6:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** M. Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:08.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: J. Hallbergh, M. Phillips, J. Milliard, L Laberge, H. Flexer T. Mason, John Hallbergh, T. Mason, M. Hayes
3. **Citizen’s Participation:** N/A
4. **Correspondence:** A donation for the Little Theater on Broad St. was received from Pomfret Rectory School. Along with the donation was a letter complimenting Kaylan Siedan for her time and effort in assisting them lending costumes for a production.
5. **Adoption of Minutes:** The adoption of minutes was tabled until the September 26, 2016 meeting so they could be read thoroughly by all members.
6. **Unfinished Business:** 
   1. PIP at Owen Bell: The work was put on hold for the summer due to usage. The estimated cost is $2500. M. Phillips asked if there are any future plans and life span. T. Mason hopes the patchwork will fix the problem for approximately two years.
7. **New Business:**
   1. Hygeia: T. Mason reports Hygeia will be open for an additional week. Closing date will be September 12th. Discussion on several issues of concern: fishing, dogs, and cigarette butts. J. Hallbergh reports the road has been washed out from the rain.
   2. Owen Bell Park: Discussion regarding buses coming into the park. Some buses are from town, others out of town. Concerns are the numbers of children using the splash pad and overcrowding. T. Mason has contacted other towns to research similar issues and review how it was addressed. M. Phillips suggested the possibility of scheduling time and restricting to town. Discussion on whether to allow buses from out of town continues. H. Flexer makes a motion to send notification out to several groups stating they must get prior permission from the department to utilize the park. J. Hallbergh seconds. All in favor.
   3. Board of Recreation: T. Mason reports we currently have four positions available. M. Phillip suggests we continue to recruit. J. Hallbergh states we need to stress being a board member requires more than meeting attendance, it also requires volunteering at events and programs.
8. **Director’ s Report:** 
   1. T. Mason reports Camp Wallaby had a great summer with a fabulous staff, directed by Eileen Mailhot, and Asst. Director, Heather Racicot. SMARTS and Smarties also had another wonderful year, ending with two great performances. In addition we ran, golf camp, nerfkins in the park, and outdoor fitness programs at Owen Bell and Hygeia. Summer trips to Narragansett Beach, Wickford, and Newport Mansions were all well attended. Summer Concert series was very successful with 80**’**s night having the largest number of attendance.
   2. Big Red: Scott Derosier will be stepping down and Gina Derosier will be taking over Big Red Camp.
   3. Bike Night: Approximately 1200 bikes were in attendance. All were in agreement it was a wonderful event. T. Mason reports there will be a wrap-up meeting within the next few weeks. Some suggestions: additional bike novelties, food vendors, and possibly of adding music in the park. The troopers were a great presents and did a wonderful job.
   4. Tomato Festival: We are still looking for teams to compete in the Fire Truck Pull. This event has been making some changes: Frito Lay/Community Day, Food Truck Vendors, and Ag group.
   5. Trails: Discussion regarding naming after people. J. Hallbergh mentions she thought we have a policy in place.
9. **Other:**
10. **Liaison Report:** There was a question and answer segment with David Radka from Connecticut Water. There were questions about water usage, if the system could handle an industry that would need large quantities of water, and general explanations of how the water system works.

The group Not Another Power Plant gave a power point presentation of their concerns. The council voted in favor of wages increases for non-union employees, management and the town manager.There was a discussion about naming the bridge that will erected in Cat Hollow Park. This item was tabled until next meeting.

1. **Adjourned:** Motion made by J. Hallbergh to adjourn. L.Laberge second, no further discussion, meeting adjourned @ 7:10PM.