Board of Recreation Meeting

Monday, October 22, 2018

Community Center

6:00pm

1. Call to Order**:** J. Milliard called the meeting to order @ 6:04.
2. Roll Call: Present: J. Milliard, J. Hallbergh, C. Dunn, M. Hayes, A. Eisley, L. LaBerge. Absent with notification: M. Phillips, T. Mason. Absent without notification: H. Flexer, M. Johndrow
3. Citizen’s Participation: N/A
4. Correspondence:
   1. A. Eisley passed shared a letter written to Paul Hopkins, Interim Town Manager regarding issues at Davis Park. Concerns include trash being left, needles have been seen, homeless/displaced individuals who have no regard to property etc.
5. Adoption of Minutes: J. Hallbergh made the motion to accept the minutes for the September 2018 meeting J. Milliard seconds. C. Dunn, J. Hallbergh abstain. No further discussion passes unanimously.
6. Unfinished Business:
   1. Electrical @ Owen Bell: A. Eisley reported the council approved funds and awaiting the RFP from engineering department. We hope to have this project completed without an impact to programming. Late fall would be the ideal time to have the project completed.
   2. Loitering at the park: The recreation department is working with Resident Troopers and Troop D in regards to Davis Park, Owen Bell Park, and the River Trail. Davis Park is by far the largest incidents of loitering, however it is becoming a problem in other parks and areas within the town.
   3. Theater: The “Spelling Bee” had approximately 220 in attendance. The show was fabulous with great talent. We had hope for a greater attendance and looking forward for numbers to improve. “Comedy for a Cure” has been canceled due to lack of sales. Rehearsals have begun for “The Best Christmas Pagent Ever” with a cast of fifty.
7. New Business:
   1. Westfield Church Movie. Friday, October 26th Westfield Church and Killingly Parks and Recreation will team up for the third annual free Hocus Pocus movie night. A. Eisley has been working with Pastor Jonathan on the project.
   2. Scarecrow Kingdom: Saturday, October 27th, 1-2:00 building scarecrows in the park, followed by Trick or Trick on Main St. Frito Lay has donated snack bags to give away.
   3. Tricky Trail Run: Listening to runners, we will have a later start time of 1:00pm this year. Currently we have 30 registrations, expecting to double the day of the race. Christina Vogt is the race director with the assist of Alex Mercier. Big thanks to United Natural for snack donations.
   4. Open Space Commision: C. Dunn has volunteered to sit on the commission.
8. Director’sReport: a. Volunteer of the Year: A. Eisley presented the board with three candidates: D. Bronwell, Killingly Brooklyn Rotary, and Jeff Grocki. After discussion L.LaBerge made the motion to nominate Jeff Grocki, C. Dunn seconds.

b. Youthoop: There are approximately 300 registered currently in the program, evaluations begin this week.

c. Senior Programs: The week of October 15th we had in attendance over 100 seniors/retirees participating in our programs. Programs included: Stew and Story, Senior Fitness Classes, Smartphone class, Wednesday Movie and bus trip.

1. Other:
2. Liaison Report: The Town Council approved budgetary transfers for the end of fiscal year 2017-18 and to increase non-union employee’s salary and for benefit adjustments for fiscal 2018-19.

Approved a library computer usage policy, voted to release monies from trust funds for the recreation dept. for the electrical work at Owen Bell Park, amended the Charter Revision Commission resolution to change the number of members from 5 to 7, and appointed the members of the Charter Commission.

1. Adjourned: Motion made by J. Hallberg to adjourn. L. LaBerge second, no further discussion, meeting adjourned @ 7:04 pm.