Board of Recreation Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2018

Community Center

6:00pm

1. Call to Order**:** M. Phillips called the meeting to order @ 6:04.
2. Roll Call: Present: M. Phillips, J. Milliard T. Mason, M. Johndrow, M. Hayes, A. Eisley, L. LaBerge Absent with notification: J. Hallbergh, C.Dunn Absent without notification: H. Flexer
3. Citizen’s Participation: N/A
4. Correspondence:
   1. The recreation department received a letter of thanks from the French family for all the help and assistance from the recreation department. A special thanks to Anthony who contributed greatly with the planning stages for the group.
   2. T. Mason passed on an invitation from Killingly Open Space Land Acquisition committee to join.
5. Adoption of Minutes: J. Milliard made the motion to accept the minutes for the August 2018 meeting M. Johndrow seconds. No further discussion passes unanimously.
6. Unfinished Business:
   1. Community Center: T. Mason shares as of now the windows will not be replaced at the Community Center. J. Milliard suggests the town council visit the Community Center for a walk thru. Discussion took place on reoccurring issues regarding heat and windows.
   2. Wall removal: T. Mason shares information regarding status of wall removal in room 214. The estimated cost ran between 15-30 thousand dollars. Discussion took place regarding other areas in the buildings which were considered and possible other areas in town that may be beneficial.
   3. Tomato Festival: Corn hole tournament was a new successful addition to this year. Based on the number of restaurants participating there is discussion on bringing in food trucks. KBA will be taking over sponsorship of the previously Frito Lay Community Day portion. The crafters portion seemed to have increased numbers, all seemed to be pleased. A. Eisley expects next year’s event will be very similar.
   4. Theater Coordinator: Heidi Freeland-Trail has resigned from the coordinator position due to relocating to another state. All shows for the 2018/2019 season have been planned. Currently T. Mason has taken on the duties of the coordinator position.
7. New Business:
   1. Theater: “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” dates are: Oct. 11-13th. Two tickets will be offered to Board of Recreation members as well as Town Council members.
   2. Comedy for A Cause, November 3, 2018 a fund raiser for the theater. Raffles will be available that evening.
   3. Scarecrow Kingdom, Saturday, October 27th
   4. Tricky Trail , Sunday, October 28th
   5. Loitering @the parks after hours: T. Mason shares concerns regarding drinking, sleeping, intoxication and other behaviors at the parks. There has been a rise this year in alcohol related issues, drug paraphernalia being found around the parks and vandalism. The authorities have been notified and the state police have been contacted to offer assistance when needed
8. Director’s Report: a. Electrical @ Owen Bell Park: The department is working with engineering

get an RFP together to go out for bid to fix the antiquated lines there now.

b. Camp Wallaby: Reviewing this past year a decision has been made to put the Recreation Supervisor as Camp Wallaby director for next year. T. Mason explains that it was not an easy decision but based on going back a decade or more with information and experiences the total camp runs more smoothly when the leader/director of camp is a full-time employee . A. Eisley, former camp director, feels long term consistency is important and communication will improve.

1. Other:
2. Liaison Report: Board of Ed. N/A / Town Council
   1. At the Town Meeting it was voted to sell the 1.4 acre portion of town owned property to Hutchison Precision Sealing Systems. This is the Borough’s old sewer plant and property around it. Hutchinson will clean up any hazardous waste. When finished with the project any property not used will be returned to the town. There will be a paved parking area and Little League will still be able to use water for the fields.
   2. An ordinance was passed granting a defined traffic easement to the CT Dept. Of Transportation at 339 Main St. This is in front of KMS. The traffic light needs to be realigned and this is needed for extra stabilization that will be necessary.
   3. There was a discussion about making it easier to drive in and out for voting at the Central Office at 79 Westfield Ave. It was decided to widen the existing driveway.
   4. It was voted to go forward with a Charter Revision Commission and change the bonding amount for the upgrade at the sewer plant. Jennifer Hawkins was appointed as the Finance Director. Jennifer worked for the audit company that did the town’s audit. She is familiar with the town’s financial workings and can do the audit reports and this will save the town money.
3. Adjourned: Motion made by J. Milliard to adjourn. M.Johndrow second, no further discussion, meeting adjourned @ 7:04 pm.