

Newport Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Location: Newport Fire Station

May 23, 2016

6:30-7:40 p.m.

Present: PJ Lovely, Rick Cota, Kim Gaddes, Becky Merrow, Alex Whipple, Christy Whipple, Larry Flint

Absent excused: Kassy Helie, Bill Wilmot

- I. Meeting called to order at: 6:40 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the March, 2016 meeting approved as presented. Whipple/Whipple
- III. Summer Update:
 - a. Day Camp: Day camp is full. Folks can be added to a waiting list. The trips will be the same as in past years. 4 new counselors have been hired: Payton Wilson, Stephanie Carol, Zach Brown, and Cody Turgeon (3 days a week). Additionally, Brad Palmer will drive the bus on trip days and Erin Lovely will be an additional chaperone on trip days.
 - b. Teen Trips: The trips are almost full. A few spaces available for the play event. A second laser trip was added due to the significant number of interested participants. These trips are for students 12-16 years of age.
 - c. Boot Camp: There will be a 5 a.m. session m/w/f for adults; a high school & college session at 6:30 a.m. m/w/f; and a second adult session at 5 p.m. on m/w (no Friday evenings). The next sessions run from June 20th to August 12th.
 - d. Volleyball: Women's volleyball will run from June 16-August 11 with teams of 4 x 4 with 8 total teams.
 - e. Granite State Track: 26 kids ages 9-12 are participating. June 7th is a home meet; VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. This meet will be a prep meet for the Lebanon meet on June 18th. Qualifiers at the Lebanon meet will participate on 6/24/16 at regional meet.
 - f. Summer Ticket Program: NRD is participating with NH Parks & Rec Association for discounted tickets to various attractions. Funtown-SplashTown, 6 Flags New England, Bromley, Water Country, Cranmore, Aquabogan, Competition Complex, Mel's Funway Park...flyers will be available once the tickets have arrived at NRD.
 - g. Six in the Stix: June 11th.
 - h. Pinnacle Bike Race: June 19th; this is the 20th year of this event.
- IV. Community Center Update: There will be a joint committee meeting on Wednesday, June 15th at 6 p.m. in the Selectmen's room. The Friends of Rec and the Rec Advisory Board have been invited to attend by the Rec Facilities Committee to discuss and provide input on 3 land options. (1) addition on existing rec; (2) using Towle; (3) Building a new facility on the current little league field...moving the little league field to the current high school field at Meadow Park...creating a new high school baseball and field hockey field near the current high school soccer field. Your attendance and input will be greatly appreciated.
- V. Participation Chart: NRD created a spreadsheet to track foot traffic in the current building. Data was collected in March, April, and the first 2 weeks of May. This is actually a "slow"

time for the rec as it is in between program season. The spreadsheet was informative as to how many people use the rec and for what reasons.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Couch to 5K: The program started with 40 or so participants; 15 completed the program finishing with the Sunshine 5K on May 7th.
- b. Sunshine 5K: Attendance was fabulous despite the overcast and slight drizzle that day. PJ reported that there was a slight increase in fundraising success even with the reduced admission fee.

VII. New Business:

- a. After School Program: The rec does not currently charge for the afterschool program. There are approximately 70 youths utilizing the program with an additional 10 youths being non residents. It was proposed and decided to charge the non residents a \$20 user fee for the school year beginning with the 16/17 school year.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at: 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: September 26, 2016