

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016

6:00pm

Present: Recreation Director, Jeremy Weatherbee, Recreation Secretary, Melanie Rhodes, Adam Morrison, Nancy Guiod, Ernie Gerrish, Monica Vanadestine, David Hainer

Absent: Matt Brown, Shelley Wyman, Traci Bubar, Linda Brown

Called to order: 6:03pm.

New member: Monica Vanadestine was sworn in and introduced to the committee. Dan Millett was a guest in the public audience.

Brian Sours has offered to give the town the 6.23 acres adjacent to the rec. lot if the town covers the cost of installing water and sewer from Evergreen Drive to the rec. lot and building an additional 600' of road. Brian halted the project because water and sewer would cost \$50,000 to install. Members were leery of the extra cost. Ernie Gerrish is still against the idea. Jeremy and Ruth Birtz are still talking about pros and cons of the addition. The committee will continue to be updated.

The walking trails are open for snowshoeing and x-c skiing. They were groomed after the last snow storm. They are not groomed now. The recreation department has a groomer. A snowmobile is needed to pull the groomer.

The committee was asked to come up with some more ideas to fundraise to further the rec. center project. Nancy Guiod suggested having a performer giving a show at either the Houlton fair or the Springfield fair perform in Lincoln on the night before or after they perform at the original event. Ernie Gerrish suggested using the PEAR organization. Jeremy and Melanie are going to look at the web site to get more information on PEAR. Monica asked if there was an allotted amount of money in an account the committee could use for fundraising. Dan Millett is working with the corporate office of Mardens to get funds toward the rec. center. Dan sat in on this month's meeting. He suggested creating a bulletin board with the vision of the rec. center and putting it in a high traffic area in town. The committee suggested an area at or around the Hannaford parking lot. Dan also suggested creating a page on facebook showing progress and future plans of the rec. committee's fundraising efforts. The public will see it and perhaps want to donate or help in other ways. Jeremy is going to talk with Roger Ryder to get some engineering ideas. Roger has a background in engineering.

Numbers in grades 3-6 in-house basketball have increased significantly since last year. Last year there were 36 children participating. This year there are 60 participants. K-2 basketball has good number this year as well. Approximately 50 children are participating in grades K-2 basketball.

Traci Bubar and Shelley have taken on the task of organizing the 5/6 basketball tournament this year. Nancy Guiod has stepped down from this position. The tournament is already full there are 17 teams coming this year. Nine girls teams and 8 boys teams. The dates of the tournament will be March 11-13. The high school and the junior high will be used. Motorbrain is sponsoring the tournament this year with a generous donation of \$1000. Sun Edison has also donated \$1500 to help with tournament expenses. The tournament will have all board certified officials this year. Members suggested approaching local businesses to have food and boarding specials so people will stay in Lincoln.

The recreation department has applied for the Bailey Grant to get some snowshoes. If the grant is awarded a program will be started for snowshoeing and we will also have a snowshoe sign out so people can snowshoe independently.

The recreation department worked with Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots hosted a Toys for Tots Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. The entry fee was an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. The recreation department mapped out a 5k route for runners. The event was a huge success.

The grant for the extension of the walking trails is almost complete. The extension would add 1.2 miles and four more fitness stations to the trails that are already in being used. The grant amount is \$35,000 and is highly competitive.

Volunteers of the month for October and the Haunted Trail Walk were Robbie Rhodes, Sarah Sutherland and Jackson Sutherland. Volunteers for November and December are Griffin Coburn, Matt Brown, and Tonya McLaughlin.

For next month's meeting Justin Cloukey is invited to talk about the Lynx Rush coming up in May. The committee would like to re-visit the options for the new land offer at the rec. lot and revisit the engineering plan for the rec. center structure.

Adjourn: 7:02pm