

Town of Boxborough



Recreation Commission

Meeting 04/14/2015 Minutes

Called to order 7:10 p.m.

Present: Hilary Greven, Mitzi Garcia-Weil, Megan Connor, Kate McMillan, Susan Bak, Claudine Lesk, Adam Duchesneau, Matt Rosner, Ken Morse

Acceptance of minutes from March- All in favor, but still need to get Anton's name

Introduction of new member Claudine Lesk

Summer Playground

Kate has reached out to last year's counselors and knows who can return and commit to all 4 weeks; 11 counselors. Kevin has the applications and Kate has the list of those who have applied. Do we need more counselors? Last year we had 18. There are 17 applicants who can commit to 4 weeks, all from Boxborough. Kate sent out an email to the applicants with a questionnaire to answer, but not all have answered. The applicants who did not respond to the questionnaire within specified the timeframe will not be considered.

A subcommittee (Mitzi and Megan) will meet with Kate on Thursday to interview the applicant for director, Jamie Lavin.

We have more applicants than positions available for counselors. We are leaving it up to the directors to decide who to hire.

Matt recused himself from any discussion of applicants as his son is an applicant.

Motion to promote Brian Picca to Director of Sports at Summer Playground; all in favor.

Kyla Sandock will be coming back as a director. We have an application for a fourth director who was a teacher at Blanchard last year and is currently at Douglas in Acton. She has experience with younger kids and is great with them. Mitzi and Megan will meet and interview the applicant on Thursday.

Mitzi will give Kate the catalogs to order supplies and give her the budget. Kate and Kyla made plans in mid-May to take inventory of supplies stored at the museum.

Tent has been ordered, but wondering if it should have sides. We'll get them if they have sides with screens. We don't want them if they impede visibility. The additional cost is negligible.

We need 427 Summer Playground registration forms and associated flyers for Blanchard. Mitzi and Megan will put the flyers together and bring them to Blanchard. We will also send out an email blast to the Acton schools.

Town Planner- Adam Duchesneau

To discuss and approve the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Commission reviewed the Seven-Year Action Plan and the Private Lands of Open Space, Conservation, Agriculture, and Recreation Interest sections.

Motion to approve the Open Space and Recreation Plan; all in favor.

Field fee waiver requests

ACCESS Sports was approved by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) last Monday.

We are unsure if we have received a fee waiver from ABYS; Kevin may have.

ABYS provided the BOS with a summary of their revenue from last year. We need to find a better way to work with them as they have helped with defraying the cost of maintaining, lining and irrigating the fields. As a result we have always given them a waiver of fees; however, Acton is charging them a fee. ABYS lines and reseed the Acton fields as they do in Boxborough.

Susan recommends that we sit down with the Acton Recreation Committee to discuss how they work with ABYS. Put ABYS, control and schedule of the fields on the next meeting agenda. Possibly meet another time this month to discuss- April 28th 7pm.

At Bats summer program- Ken Morse

The program will be the first 3 weeks of July from 12:30-3pm after Summer Playground. Ken will promote the program over the next coming weeks. We will send the flyer to Blanchard for distribution; need them for Thursday morning. Ken will coordinate getting the flyers to Megan.

Motion to accept At Bats Summer Camp Program; all in favor.

Tae Kwon Do Update

Rick is concerned about not having a space to hold it during the summer if we start it now. On May 1st we will ask for space beginning in September, so that we can hold Tae Kwon Do at Blanchard Sept-June on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rick is willing to do something at Fifer's Day and Summer Playground.

Playground at Flerra

We defrayed some of the cost for the Building Inspector to take playground safety certification. He will look at the playground and draft up a report on the condition and get it ADA approved.

Next Meetings: April 28th and May 12th

Meeting Adjourned- 9:20pm