

Town of Boxborough



Recreation Commission

Meeting 08/18/2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m

Present: Hilary Greven, Matt Rosner, Kevin Lehner, Claudine Lesk, Lisa Hesch, Kate Contini

Gymnastics Classes at Boxborough Gymnastic Center

Lisa Hesch attended to discuss her program at the Boxborough Gymnastics Center

Lisa would give the Town back 20% of profit from classes for which kids register under the Boxborough Rec Comm. The Rec Comm will publish a story in the Beacon, Action Unlimited and send an email to the schools. Also, we will put information on the Town website, including the

Action: Hilary will send information and registration form to Cheryl to post on Town website; and contact the Beacon and Action Unlimited about publishing a story.

Fitting Fitness In, Boot Camp

Holly Kouvo would like to hold another session of Boot Camp on Mondays (no class on September 7th) and Wednesdays in September from 5:30 – 6:30 A.M. at the Community Center. Motion to sponsor Boot Camp; all in favor.

Action: Hilary will contact Selina about holding boot camp at the Community Center and the steps will need to take to move forward. Also, Hilary will contact Cheryl to post on Town website; and contact the Beacon and Action Unlimited about publishing a story.

Summer Playground

Kate attended the meeting to give us feedback on Summer Playground held in July.

Week 3 was the highest attendance. All days of camp held as there were no rain days.

Staff was well liked. Kate gave us counselor evaluation forms. Volunteers were rated by the directors (same criteria as counselors; rated 1 worst-3 best).

A lot of positive feedback from parents received.

Volunteer service certificates were handed out.

Positives: Drop-off went smoothly. Morning debrief was nice (rather than after camp); had more of the counselor and volunteer's attention. Debrief was 10 min, compliments from the day before, constructive feedback, etc. All staff arrived at 8am. All the directors (Emily, Kyla and Brian were great). Kids did not get bored, there was enough variation.

Popular activities: DJ dance party. Demonstration from someone attending circus school (Emily's friend). Tournaments every week. Flerra stand-up. Waterslides from Busy Bee once a week. Had 3 ice cream days; Hayward Farms went over the best.

Kids did not want to have a talent show; just held one show on the last day.

Negatives: None really. Gymnastics program needs to be consistent with pick-up. Next year the Arts and Crafts calendar should be determined sooner.

It would be great if the Town could set up an account with Market Basket in Littleton as most things are cheaper and it is a more convenient location.

Kate will send us the final itemized spreadsheet of all costs from Playground (~\$5000).

Add to survey: What type of experience or activity would you like to see added? And a statement at the beginning: "Before you respond please talk to your kids".

Next year: Start planning in February/March. Begin the hiring process earlier and include the orientation date in the application form noting that it is mandatory. Maybe hold the orientation earlier? Start earlier in generating information. Plan hiring process at our January meeting so applications for counselors and directors are posted in February. Include a waiver for photographs in application for next year.

May need to hire some new directors; not sure if Kyla or Emily will return.

Action: Hilary to send Kate last year's survey and send out survey for feedback in September.

Boy Scout Project at Cisco field

Matt mentioned that this project will be creating a barrier before prickier bushes to prevent balls from getting down.

Next Meeting: September 8th at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned- 8:24pm