

Hardwick Recreation Committee Minutes

June 11, 2018; 6:30PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Present: Joe Brosseau, Holly Bolio, Nicole Miller, Rhonda Hess, Ron Wiesen, Derek Williams, Mallory Greaves, Kathy Hemmens

Guest: Nancy Notterman, to report on Springfest

Call meeting to order

Derek Williams called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

Approval of Minutes

Following a motion by Kathy . Hemmens and a second by Nicole Miller, the Minutes of the May meeting were approved with no changes.

Finance Report

Kathy Hemmens reported that the Committee has spent \$13,801.24 (62.9%) of the annual budget as of May 31st. \$8,131.76 is remaining and will revert to the Town's fund balance if not spent or re-allocated to the capital fund by the end of the fiscal year. Joe indicated that the use of the remaining funds will be discussed during the meeting. Following a motion by Nicole Miller and a second by Holly Bolio, the Finance Report was approved unanimously.

Springfest Report: Nancy Notterman

Joe Brosseau arrived and took over chairing the meeting from Derek. He called on Nancy to give her report.

Nancy thanked the Rec. Committee for its participation in the Spring Festival and stated that, although turn-out at Atkins Field was low, the kids and families participating really enjoyed the event and the games. Ron Wiesen encouraged the Committee to continue kids' activities next year, as they were so popular. Nicole Miller suggested that the signage and sign-up system could be improved. Joe added that he felt the event should end earlier in the day—that a 4PM ending makes the day too long for the smaller children. He suggested making the truck pull into a team competition among organizations in town like the Kiwanis, the Legion, etc. Other suggestions were to have more traditional carnival food like fried dough and cotton candy and to have more megaphones to alert festival goers about the games and events. It was also suggested that spreading the events out over several days might draw more people.

Mackville Project:

Joe Brosseau summarized the evaluation of the Mackville site provided by state government officials, stating that we must stay at least 100 feet from the lake in developing the park and that we should stay away from putting anything permanent on the site. The state people recommended retaining an engineer to delineate the area we can use, and Joe proposed engaging Michael Lew-Smith to do that. The Committee agreed that he should go ahead with that.

Joe proposed separating the adult and child areas, suggesting that we can have a volley ball set-up, picnic tables and grills, in addition to the children's play equipment we will purchase. Joe will meet with Susanne and any members of the Committee who can attend to finalize what to purchase with this year's remaining funds and what to request in our grant application.

Holly Bolio motioned and Malloy Greaves seconded to authorize Joe and Susanne to make a plan for the grant request and what we want to purchase from this year's funds based on the consensus reached by the Committee on what is appropriate. The motion was unanimously approved.

Joe then reminded the Committee that we all would have to take turns checking on the port-o-potty and trash collection, once things are up and running.

There will be a special meeting held on Tuesday the 19th at 5:30PM to review what Susanne and Joe recommend. All Committee members are urged to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hemmens, Secretary-Treasurer