

Hardwick Recreation Committee Minutes

October 9, 2018; 6:30PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Present: Joe Brosseau, Derek Williams, Nicole Miller, Holly Bolio, Rhonda Hess, Kathy Hemmens

Coordinator: Susanne Gann

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM.

Approval of Minutes

Following a motion by Derek Williams and a second by Holly Bolio, the minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Approval of Finance Report

Kathy Hemmens reported that the Committee has spent very little of its funds since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1. Money has been expended for the Coordinator's salary and benefits and partial payment of the VLCT-PACIF insurance. Three hundred dollars were expended out of the line item for "Maintenance" to cover the cost of a Porto-Potty at Mackville Field over the summer. The maintenance line item, intended to cover costs associated with installation of the ice rink, is now overdrawn by \$100 and there are no other funds allocated to cover maintenance costs of the rink. In discussion, Holly Bolio recommended putting funds in next year's budget to cover the Port-Potty costs. Following a motion by Nicole Miller and a second by Rhonda Hess, the Finance Report was approved.

Coordinator's Report

Susanne reported that she had contacted the Legion to offer Rec. Committee support for their Halloween Dance, but had received no request for help to date. She has a request from the Hazen Union music department for assistance with their Haunted Halls benefit event, to be held on October 26 and 27. She said she has offered to advertise the event on Rec. Committee FACEBOOK page, but the event organizers want help with clean up after the event. There was little enthusiasm for responding to this request, as the Rec. Committee has not received many positive responses to our requests for participation in our events from the school. Holly suggested we get a commitment for help with the Holiday Party in exchange for helping with Haunted Halls.

Susanne then reported that the Holiday Party will take place on December 2nd from 2 to 3:30PM. She will need 15 volunteers to staff the event and so far has recruited 8. Holly and Rhonda confirmed that they will help. Following discussion of craft supplies and refreshments needed for the event, Derek Williams made a motion, seconded by Nicole Miller, to approved spending for the event up to the budgeted amount of \$250. The motion was unanimously approved. Kathy will let the Town Business Manager know that the Committee has approved this amount.

Ice Rink Installation

Joe Brosseau reported that he thinks the rink should be installed in early December and that he will talk to Bethany Dunbar about the set-up. Susanne will ask Jon Jewett if the Town Road Crew could deposit several yards of sand to level out the rink location. Susanne proposed aiming for a set-up on the 24th and 25th of November or possibly earlier, but Joe indicated he has no free time until sometime in November. Nicole will ask REACH parents for help in set-up.

Report on Swim Program

Nicole provided the Committee with a lengthy written report on the summer swim program and stated that she will be doing a survey of families to get ideas on how to make the program work better next year with parents' schedules, among other issues. She will communicate with NEK SWIM about the results of the survey and about some concerns expressed by Rec. Committee members and try to get those concerns addressed.

Other Business

Joe Brosseau raised the question of when the budget has to be submitted, and Kathy said she would check with the Town Office about it. It should be an item on next month's agenda.

Kathy asked that Susanne investigate the possibility of creating a playground at Hodgden Field, since that will not be feasible at Mackville Pond Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hemmens, Secretary-Treasurer