

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2018, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Members present: Susanne Gann, Nicole Miller, Holly Bolio, Rhonda Hess, Derek Williams, Joe Brosseau, Mallory Greaves

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Joe called meeting to order at 6:35pm

Ice Rink

Joe reported that the ice rink had been assembled on Sunday December 9th, 2018, with a thank you to the six to seven volunteers. The rink in size is 30x60, the committee discussed making the rink bigger in future years. Due to the \$100 ice rink budget, Derek proposed possible fundraising to keep the ice rink going and possibly expanding. Joe will be in charge of keeping the ice rink in usable condition. It was suggested that a post should be made on the committees facebook page urging community members to remain off the ice until Saturday December 15th, 2018. The committee discussed what actions would be needed in order to level out the ground in which the ice rink sits on atkins field in the spring. Derek proposed we move the ice rink to hodgdon field, after discussion the committee found parking to be an obstacle.

Mackville Project/ Hodgdon Field

Susanne reported that we will need to contact the Hardwick Area Little League in order to discuss putting a playground at Hodgdon Field. This contact will be moved to the January agenda. Under discussion, it was proposed that mackville remains non commercial and natural, with revamping to the wooden playground that exists. The money that has already been fundraised and granted to the committee will go towards but not limited to; signage, benches, grills, and picnic tables. There still needs to be contact about permits. Vanessa will be coming into the January meeting to take a group photo with our check.

Holiday Party

Susanne reported the holiday party had a good turn out. There was around ten less in attendance than last year, the weather had not cooperated. Everyone had done a great job, the kids enjoyed decorating cookies, putting together crafts, and writing letters to santa. Susanne also gave a special thanks to Rhonda and Holly for their time preparing the crafts for the event.

Reach Swim Lessons

Nicole drafted two different budgets for the committee to discuss, a one week lesson, and a two week lesson. The one week model would be through Teach America to Swim. The two week model is using local instructors which the committee would need to provide. After thorough explanation of the costs and necessary needs of each model the committee shared ideas. The main difference that was discussed was the one week Teach America to Swim model already has the lifeguards and swim instructors, while the two week model would need lifeguards and instructors provided. Joe mentioned how finding lifeguards and instructors has been an issue the last few years. Upon further discussion it was found that Samantha Friend, lifeguard, and Amy Papineau, instructor, would be willing to do the swim lessons for the two week model, but neither of their schedules match up for the weeks provided. If the schedules do not match up it was suggested we look for other lifeguards and instructors. Holly recommended making contact with persons in Montpelier that might be willing to do the lessons. It was also suggested to find someone who would like to become a lifeguard or instructor, and have them take classes. In final discussions Joe made a motion to extend the decision until January in order to do more research on lifeguards along with instructors, and try to coordinate Samantha and Amy. Derek seconded, the committee approved. If lifeguards and swim instructors cannot be found than the committee will go with Teach America to Swim in order to have the lessons coordinated in time for summer.

Springfest 2019

Joe reported that the Kuwanis would like to give the committee full control of Atkins field for spring fest. The committee discussed new fundraisers and possibly an adult raffle to attract an elder crowd. Discussion was suggested to be moved to January.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on January 8, 2019, 6:30pm at the Senior Center.