

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Members present: Susanne Gann, Nicole Miller, Derek Williams, Joe Brosseau, Mallory Greaves

Members absent: Rhonda Hess, Holly Bolio

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Joe called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Vanessa, photographer for the Hardwick Gazette, joined the beginning of the meeting for a photo with the \$9,000 Recreational Facilities Grant awarded by the State of Vermont for the Mackville project.

The minutes from the december meeting were looked over and Nicole motioned to accept the december minutes. Derek second the motion, all were in favor.

Financial Report

It was noted that youth program funds have started to be deducted from the budget. Nicole reported that \$7,824.97 was taken out due to swim lessons from last year. The remaining balance of \$3,410.03 will soon have a deduction based on the funding for the cross country skiing activities. Nicole reported 15 kids have signed up and one day has already been lost due to inclement weather conditions. Susanne reported that Kaylee Kain, head of Wonder Arts, will not be supporting the senior program in the next year, causing a need for budget increase. \$600 of the \$800 budget has been spent on the senior program, with \$200 left for the bone builders program. Susanne reported that she attended the select board meeting, and asking for the \$5000 yearly capitol grant. The select board said to use the money provided responsibly. Holly later reported through email that after further discussion the select board did not pass the grant. Derek moved to accept the 12-31 budget report. Nicole second the motion, all were in favor.

Swim Lessons

Nicole reported that Samantha Friend, lifeguard will be attending a meeting this week to ask for the time off from work the last week of July 2019. Amy Papineau, instructor, would only be available that last week in July 2019. Joe recommended going forward with Teach America to Swim in order to have stability. Nicole stated she would get into contact with Teach America to Swim and relay the feedback given from the previous year, hoping for a change in the future. Discussion of two swim lessons a day reported to be to much waiting at the beach within a five

day time frame. Ten days would allow for one swim lesson a day and less waiting. Joe brought up the cost of transportation if the ten day plan was chosen. Nicole explained the budget for transportation was \$3,000, using one \$1,000 last summer, which could very easily leave room for a ten day plan that would cost \$2,000- \$2,500 still well within the budget. Joe suggested if the five day plan was to be chosen, the committee set up shade and game stations at the beach for the waiting students. Derek brought up the concern in the difference in funding for Teach America to Swim and personally providing instructors and lifeguards. Nicole reported the difference was around \$2,500. Derek moved to approve Nicole to go forward with Teach America to Swim unless further arrangements could be made with Samantha Friend by the end of the week. Mallory second the motion, all were in favor, Nicole abstained. Derek also mentioned if Samantha Friend is successful in getting the time off, to move further discussion to the February meeting.

Ice Rink

Joe reported that the ice rink was in an okay state, the bad weather such as ice storms and heavy snow has caused divots to form in the ice. Joe reported a community member had shoveled some of the snow into the center of the rink in order to use a portion of the ice. He did three hours of maintenance over the weekend and will continue to keep watch of the rink. Joe also reported a lack of water source is proving to be problematic when repairing the ice.

Other News

Susanne has been contacted by Bethany Dunbar, a worker for the Center of Agriculture Economy, asking how the Recreation Committee uses the Atkins field. After discussion it was agreed to report back to Bethany that it is used for ice rink purposes, spring fest, and the duck drops of the past. Susanne will be asking Ashley Foster to post the picture of her children using the ice rink on the Recreation Committee's Facebook page in order to share it with Bethany.

Joe reported that there has been no further contact from Kuwanis regarding Spring Fest 2019. Susanne has volunteered to attend the Kuwanis meetings on Mondays once discussion on Spring Fest begins.

Joe suggested each member begin to recruit more bodies that would like to get involved with the committee and volunteering when needed. He also recommended the members be mindful of groups that might want to collaborate with the committee.

Mackville Project

Derek requested information on any news regarding the use of Hodgdon field for a playground. The committee has chosen to wait for the new officers to be placed before moving forward. Susanne reported she has a meeting with Kristen Laeche, the zoning administrator, next week to

gain important information needed to move forward with receiving a zoning permit for further construction.

Thinking Ahead

Joe recommended reaching out to Karen Klauts in order to receive more information on green up day which is the first weekend in May. The committee also needs to reach out to Beth from the elementary school to discuss the green up day poster and writing contest that takes place for grades K - 8.

The annual Easter egg hunt was discussed. Susanne reported the committee already has plenty of plastic eggs, but will need to purchase fillers such as toys and candy. Advertising will have to begin in the month of March.

Susanne reported that a coworker of hers does triathlons, and suggested that the committee get into contact with a group that may be willing to put one together using Hardwick, Greensboro, and possibly Craftsbury. Joe recommended contacting Kingdom Sports and ask if they would be willing to work with the committee on such a project. After further discussion it was noted that in order for a triathlon to be successful the committee would need to supply, EMT's, spotters, lifeguards, ect. The subject remains under discussion.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held February 12th, at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center