

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 19th, 2019, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

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

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Approval of Minutes

Holly started the meeting in Joes absence, the present members looked over last months minute with no error. Nicole motioned to approve the January 8th minutes, Rhonda second the motion, all present were in favor.

January Budget

After further inspection of the budget, Holly noted that the worker's comp had already gone over halfway through the budget's year, actual expenses being \$513.97, \$1.97 over budget. Nicole found the December budget and reported that worker's comp was the same amount. Susanne suggested that perhaps the worker's comp had been paid in full for the year. Susanne mention she would check in and see if the expense was for the year or quarterly. Holly shared concern that the holiday program has already gone \$100 over budget, yet there was still the spring egg hunt and springfest needing funds from the holiday program budget. Susanne explained that the funds for those events will most likely come from the salary section of the budget, and that there will be at least \$2,000 to use. Nicole added that there will be extra funds from the youth program, since only \$1,200 will be added to current actual expenses. Holly moved to approve the monthly budget report for January, Nicole second, all were in favor.

Swim Program

In January, Nicole was to follow up with Samantha Friend and Amy Papineau to find if their schedules would link for two weeks of swim lessons. Nicole reported back to the committee that both Sam and Amy could participate as lifeguard, Samantha and swim instructor, Amy. Nicole mentioned that going with Sam and Amy would leave little room for growth on account they can only teach 24-30 children. The committee further discussed the positives and negatives of the swim programs, local instructors versus Teach America to Swim. Nicole mentioned that the difference in funding between the two was \$2,471, making local instructors the cheaper of the two. She informed the committee that the local instructors would be participating in a two week

program, while at this point in the year Teach America to Swim would only allow for one week with two lessons daily.

Joe asked if the committee would feel confident that Samantha and Amy would both be present those two weeks as discussed. Holly shared concern about what would happen if one of the two were sick during the two week time frame. Nicole explained that if Samantha were to be sick there would be no lessons, there would need to be a lifeguard present in order for the lessons to proceed. If Amy were to be sick the lessons could still work because the lifeguard would still be present. Nicole mentioned that Teach America to Swim might have back up instructors and lifeguards if the original persons were sick. Derek suggested that the local instructors would be nice to have, especially teaching the local children of Hardwick. Holly mentioned the 24-30 child limit could potentially be problematic, because last year had 34 sign ups. Nicole explained that the parents would need to sign the child up online through a similar process as last year, less children will be signed up.

Nicole expressed concern about the different swim levels each child could be at and how that would be executed by the local swim instructors being able to only have 24-30 children, perhaps of different swim levels. On the other hand Teach America to Swim could take up to 50 children and have more leeway to tend to the different swim levels. Joe asked if Nicole thought both Amy and Samantha would be at the lessons every day, Nicole expressed little worry in the matter. Nicole mentioned that next year, if this year is successful with the local instructors there will need to be another instructor added to Samantha and Amy, which could be problematic on account it was hard to find the two already in place.

Holly asked Nicole if the children would have to be apart of the Reach program or if it would be open, showing concern that the children not involved in school systems such as home schooled or in daycare would not be able to take part in the lessons. Nicole responded that the children do not need to be apart of the Reach program in order to do swim lessons. They can be dropped off directly to Caspian lake. She also suggested posting the swim lessons on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, local newspaper, and emailing daycare providers in order to get the word out to all who are interested. After discussion had concluded, Derek moved to approve the local lessons with Amy and Samantha, Holly second, all were in favor, Nicole abstained.

Springfest

Joe reported that Kiwanis has a meeting at the OSSU building March 11th and 6:00pm. They will be handling the parade and coordinating springfest with the committee. Joe mention the committee should start thinking about the theme along with what food vendors would be the best fit for springfest by March 11th in order to report to the Kiwanis during the meeting. The committee will be discussing upcoming plans for springfest more in depth at the March Recreation meeting. Joe reported that he will be doing the duck drop fundraiser once again at the upcoming springfest, which will remain the same as last year.

Holly brought up the construction work that will be happening on Atkins field during this time. Joe explained that there might be construction being done cutting off the farther section of the field but the committee could always use the street or the field on the other side.

Holly suggested perhaps bringing back the cow plop this year, it had always been a good fundraiser in the past. Susanne said that NCAL might also want to get involved by bringing animals from the shelter like they had in past years. The committee discussed the positives and negatives of last spring fest. It was concluded that the children enjoyed the games, obstacle course, and the livestock. On the other hand the truck pull fell flat and there was not many teams that signed up for the pull. It was mentioned that unless there are teams already set up for the pull long before the event, the event should be discarded. Joe suggested the committee figure out something other than the truck pull, perhaps an eating contest such as hot dog, or pie.

Green Up Day

Joe suggested the committee start to think about green up day. Susanne reported that she had been in contact with Beth Lacourse in terms of the green up day poster contest. She asked the committee their thoughts on having the contest run first grade to third for one contest, and fourth through sixth. Holly suggested asking positive pie for a gift card donation as a prize for the contest winners, along with the Galaxy Bookshop. Derek recommended asking the Scale House as well. Nicole suggested Karen Klauts be invited to the March 12th meeting to discuss green up.

Notes From Susanne

Susanne reported that she had to reschedule two meetings with Kristen Leahy, the zoning coordinator, due to inclement weather. She has a meeting scheduled for Thursday the 21st at 8:00am in the zoning office, members are welcome. Kristen will have the wetland impermeation, and steps for getting a permit. Joe would like to discuss building a small structure such as a volleyball net at Mackville. Susanne will ask if we need permits to fix the structures already present in the park. With that being said Susanne asked that if further questions came up, the committee members email her and she will transfer the questions onto Kristen during their meeting.

Susanne reported that she wrote the annual report and sent it to the town for discussion at town meeting. She mentioned that we only asked for a level funded budget.

Other Business

Holly suggested the committee make a decision on what should be done with the ice rink on account the up keep is deemed to be difficult due to the rapid weather changes. Joe replied that as the caretaker of the ice rink, it had been difficult to keep up with since there has been rain and divots have formed. The large snow storms that have accumulated many inches have caused shoveling the rink off to be problematic as well. No decision was made on the ice rink matter.

Derek reported he received an email from Kathy Hemmens asking if the committee would like to be apart of the building of a pickleball court in greensboro. Kathy was contacted by Kathy Ingram, who is in charge of the process.

Joe wondered what was happening with the senior program. Susanne reported that Ceilidh Kane Ceilidh Kane, head of Wonder Arts, will not be helping with the senior program in the following years, therefor the committee needs to find something else for the senior program. Susanne emailed Ceilidh about perhaps putting together an event for the seniors to go on a full course meal train ride. However it was expressed that the transportation bus used for the seniors was out of commision and further transportation would need to be found. Holly suggested that we have an increase in the senior programming budget since Wonder Arts will no longer be involved.

With no further business, Joe adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

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