

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 12th, 2019, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Members present: Susanne Gann, Mallory Greaves, Rhonda Hess, Holly Bolio, Joe Brosseau

Members Absent: Nicole Miller

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Derek Williams resigned from the Recreation Committee

Approval of Minutes

Holly started the meeting in Joes absence, the present members looked over last months minute with no error. Holly motioned to approve the February 19th minutes, Rhonda second the motion, all present were in favor.

Monthly Financial Report

After inspection of the February budget, Holly mentioned that the worker's comp had been changed from the actual expense in January of \$513.97 to \$380.97 in the February report. Leaving \$131.03 in the budget versus being over by \$1.97 in January. Holly noticed that the Green-up day section of the budget had an actual expense of \$64.82. Susanne suggested checking the January budget incase it was an expense possibly paid in July. After checking the January budget it was found that the \$64.82 was applied there as well, it was agreed that the expense was pushed to this fiscal year from last. With no further issues, Holly motioned to pass the February monthly budget. Rhonda second the motion, all were in favor.

Susanne reported that the town budget that was proposed had been passed.

Mackville Pond

Susanne reported that she met with Kristen Leahy, zoning coordinator of Hardwick. During the meeting Kristen went over all reports from the state along with pulling up the wetlands to thoroughly explain the zones that can and cannot be remodeled. Kristen suggested the committee put in a Flood Hazard Area Overlay application to the town. The permit would allow the committee to replace the swing set that is currently in place along with the swing seats on the alternative swings. The committee would not be able to work within the wetland zoning limit, all actions taken would need to be outside of the zone. Holly question if the placement of picnic tables and grills would be allowed. Susanne reported that as long as the objects can be moved

they will be acceptable. Holly suggested taking the wooden log fence that is along the parking lot and creating benches. Joe suggested the logs present be cut into an even level to create a new look.

Joe suggested the committee should install a storage shed on the property in order to have a space to keep items safe over the winter months. Susanne reported that the committee would need to have a separate permit, along with working within the required square feet. The structure would be required to be waterproof.

After no further ideas, Susanne questioned the committee if it was acceptable to order a playground replacement. Holly suggested hiring builders to put up a wooden playground set, creating a sturdy more stable playset than those sold at Walmart or Toys R Us. After further thought, a wooden structure had potential to require more keep up than intended. Susanne noted that the quote for a once thought of set was \$10,000, she supplied a 2019 playground builder book for the committee to view. Holly suggested Susanne chooses three playground sets that are reasonable, and share them with the committee.

Joe explained that mulching the area under the swingset will cost approximately \$1000. Joe continued on to suggest setting up a miniature frisbee golf course that would be spread throughout the park. The course would include a nine hole game with three to four frisbees. Susanne reported that she will be sending the Flood Hazard Area Overlay application into the town with intention of setting up in late June. Susanne will also apply to the Ben and Jerry's grant, and ask for assistance setting up the structure.

Easter Egg Hunt

Susanne reported that she emailed Principal Pennock at Hardwick Elementary school about using the gymnasium for the Easter Egg hunt instead of the playground. The dates for said hunt would be either April 19th or April 20th. Susanne suggested doing the hunt at night, filling the eggs with glow sticks and turning the lights off. Holly shared concern about having the lights off with many children searching at the same time. Holly suggested using the floor mats as obstacles and hiding spots, in order to have more places with the lights on. With further planning to be done in April, Susanne suggested hosting the hunt around 6 pm and 6:30 pm. Suggesting there also be a registration table and ticket hand out in order to get a reliable headcount. Once final decisions are made the ad will be placed on Facebook, Front Porch Forum, the Hardwick Gazette, hung around Hardwick Elementary, and put in the April newsletter at the elementary school. Susanne mentioned that she has already asked Corrinna Colson if the Legion Jr. Auxiliary would be interested in helping with the event.

In order to prepare for the hunt the committee will be meeting April 13th to fill the eggs. Holly reported that the committee will not need to purchase any extra eggs, there is a high supply. The committee will however need to purchase the golden eggs that contain higher level prizes.

Green-Up Day

Green-Up Day will take place Saturday, May 4th. Susanne has been in contact with Karen Klotz, who will help collect gift certificates for the event. Rhonda has been asked to ask Tops Friendly Market for a certificate. Holly will be in charge of asking Strattons for a maple syrup certificate. Susanne suggested all the trash collected that day be brought to Hardwick location for drop off. She will be in contact with Gates Salvage for a tire dumpster and a metal dumpster. Susanne will also be in contact with a supplier for green up bags, which will be spread in East Hardwick, Hardwick, and the Town Clerk.

Beth LeCours has said she will do the poster contest.

Community Dance

Susanne reported she has emailed the Parent Teacher Organization to offer the committee's help with this year's dance. There has been no response as of yet.

Spring Festival

Susanne reported that the Kiwanis meeting has been rescheduled for Monday March 25th. She has emailed Hardwick area Little League in order to coordinate for the festival. Joe suggested that there be a buffer time between the parade and the festival. Holly responded that a buffer could be problematic since most persons go directly to the festival once the parade is over, especially being on the same route. Mallory suggested obtaining volunteers to be at the field prior to the parade, and staying throughout.

Susanne has been contacted by Cookies Hot Club band that participated last year, requesting a return for the coming festival. Holly requested looking into other entertainment such as a clown, along with using a bouncy house.

Reene Fontaine has offered to attend the festival and sell shaved ice, maple cotton candy, and popcorn; free of charge to the committee. Susanne will ask the church if they would be willing to donate pies for an eating contest.

The committee was asked to think of themes for Spring Festival and bring them to the Kiwanis meeting March 25th. The committee will be asking Kiwanis about different vendors such as a fried dough vendor that could attend the festival, at the meeting.

Beach Committee

Susanne has been contacted by Ila Hunt to participate in the Beach Committee of Caspian Lake as the representative for the town and the Recreation Committee. Holly suggested placing a pavillion on the grass area for shade from weather conditions. Susanne reported that zoning at Caspian would be difficult, but a temporary pavillion could have potential.

Movie Nights

Susanne asked the committee if they still wanted to put on movie nights this summer. The equipment to do so would need to be ordered shortly, the equipment includes a projector and screen. She opened the discussion for film ideas from the committee, and suggested an email of any further ideas. Holly suggested different themed movie nights such as, family night, date night, horror night, along with a Jaws night.

Senior Programming

The committee agreed that there needs to be a beginning discussion with a senior representative to get programming into place. Holly will be in contact with the seniors to find a suitable representative, along with Kathy Hemmens; they will be asked to participate in the April meeting.

Susanne supplied the committee with two ideas that she has sent to Ceilidh Kane, Spirit of Ethan Allen Cruise and Champlain Valley Dinner Train. Susanne also suggested doing fully paid monthly meal outings for the seniors. Holly informed the committee that the seniors have monthly luncheons already in place, but they are paying for their own meals. Joe suggested setting up a museum day where seniors would get a fully prepared lunch and visit a museum such as Fairbanks.

Susanne reported that the committee has \$500 quarterly to supply for the senior programming.

Other Business

Joe recommended all committee members gather volunteers for all upcoming events and programs.

Susanne will be in contact with Industrial Arts for volunteers.

With no further business, Joe adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held April 9th, at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center