

## **Hardwick Recreation Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

April 11th, 2019, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

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

Guests: Two Senior Representatives, Helen and Judy Bolio

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The committee members looked over last months minutes with no error. Holly motioned to approve the March 12th minutes, Rhonda second the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Approval of Budget**

After further inspection of the budget, Joe questioned if the basketball camp planned for summer had been accounted in the budget. Susanne mentioned that the camp had not been funded as of yet. After further discussion it was decided that the money left over after prior expenses such as Green-up day, and Springfest will be used for the camp. With no further questions, Nicole motioned to accept the financial report, Holly second the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Senior Program**

The committee sat down with two senior representatives to discuss outing options that would be suitable for the seniors as a whole. Susanne explained that there would be \$2,000 in the budget for the seniors in the next fiscal year starting in July. Options such as going out for lunch, to a movie, to a museum, seeing a play, or bringing entertainment to the seniors were discussed. The representatives showed high interest in doing activities that were social and involved getting something to eat being that the range in ages were from 67 to early 90's. They shared concern with no transportation being available for them, a bus would be non affordable. Joe mentioned that he would look into RTC transportation to accommodate. After further discussion, the two senior representatives agreed that it would be fair for the committee to provide transportation to a nice restaurant and they would pay for their own meals. With no further inquiry needed, Helen and Judy departed the meeting.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Susanne reported that the Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for April 19th, 2019 starting at 6:00 PM in Hardwick Elementary Gymnasium. Flyers have been posted at the Elementary school along with copies being sent home with the children in grades Pre-K through fourth grade. The flyer will also be posted on Front Porch Forum and in the Hardwick Gazette. Susanne informed the committee that she had ordered enough candy to fill 2,000 eggs which have been filled. An email was sent to Corrina Colson to see in the Junior Auxiliary would like to help hide the eggs on Friday starting at 4:00 PM. Susanne spoke with Vanessa Fournier, photographer for the Hardwick Gazette, to let her know when to come to the Egg Hunt to take photos.

### **Community Dance**

Susanne reported that the Spring Fling will take place on Friday May 17th, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm at Hardwick Elementary. The recreation committee will help hang flyers within the Elementary School along with making a post on Front Porch Forum and Facebook.

### **Beach Committee**

Susanne will be participation with the Caspian Lake beach committee, meeting April 12th at 10:00 am. She will discuss with the committee about having film nights this summer at the lake and report back to the committee with her findings.

### **Green-Up Day**

Susanne reported that Beth LeCours will be finishing up the poster contest. Susanne will be posting flyers along with the winners of the poster contest on Facebook and Front Porch Forum. Volunteers were assigned times to be at the Hardwick fire department on May 4th. Rhonda and Holly will be there 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Nicole will be there from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

### **Mackville Pond Project**

Susanne shared that she has emailed Great Big Graphics in Morrisville to request a design and a quote for the sign going up at Mackville Pond, along with emailing Jim Carrien from VLCT PACIF, certified Public Playground Safety, to ensure the equipment chosen will be legal to place at the pond. Susanne reported she had found equipment within the budget for Mackville. The equipment is as follows; wave zip slide, low vine climber, high vine climber, together adding to a total of \$9,213.00. The committee has a grant for \$12,000 strictly for playground equipment, leaving a variance of \$2,787.00. With a total budget of \$17,750.00 the committee will be able to also bring in a 9-piece obstacle course, three new benches, and wheelchair accessible picnic tables, along with pay for signage and permits. All together the cost would be \$17,355.00 with a variance of \$395.00. Susanne did mention that all equipment must be weather resistant and be within playground standards. Joe questioned if the grills that had been planned prior were apart of the grant. Susanne reported that the grills will be payed for directly from the Recreation budget. Susanne also mentioned that another \$2,000 had been set aside that is not apart of the

grant budget. Joe suggested revamping the horseshoe pit that already exists at Mackville. Holly noted that the committee should check the condition of the swingset present. The Mackville project will be under further discussion.

### **Springfest**

Susanne attended the baseball meeting earlier in the week to see if they would be willing to start the annual baseball game later in the day May 26th, 2019. Tim Whitney agreed to push the game start time back to 2:30 pm to give more time for Springfest activities. The committee further discussed Springfest. The committee discussed bringing back a bingo tent along with games such as ring toss and entertainment. Susanne suggested Shrimp Tunes, a one man band from Cabot Vermont, along with Cookies Hot Club band who performed last year. Holly recommended bringing in a magician for the children. The committee agreed to bring in two separate types of entertainment. Susanne also mentioned that she will reach out to Rose about having a puppet show. She will also be in contact with Heartbeat Lifesharing to see if they would like to be involved with Springfest. Kiwanis will be providing the bouncy house and has given the okay to have a pie eating contest.

Joe suggested having a hands on station such as a slime pit. After further discussion the committee agreed on a corn pit or ooblick station. Joe suggested looking into a dunk tank and bubble machine that can be rented from Lyndonville, Susanne will be in contact for prices and availability.

The committee has agreed that a 50/50 raffle will be held instead of a duck drop, tickets being priced one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit further programming and capitol projects for the Recreation Committee.

Susanne will also be reaching out to North Country Animal League to see if they will bring adoptable dogs to the field.

Further planning for Springfest will take place on April 22nd, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the senior center.

### **Project Meteor**

Susanne reported that Diane Grenkow reached out to the recreation committee to see if they would be willing to participate in a summer program put on by the Judivine Library. Susanne noted the project would take place at Mackville Pond after further renovations, and would be a great way to show the work that has been done. On August 13th, 2019 the Library would like to have a star gazing party during a meteor shower, narrated by the Eye on the Sky guy from the Fairbanks Planetarium. The committee has agreed to help promote the event along with supply hot dogs, buns, chips, and water spending around \$150.00. Nicole mentioned that REACH could also help promote the event within the school and with parents. The committee agreed the event would be beneficial.

### **Other Business**

Holly and Rhonda suggested that the Recreation Committee create their own logo that can be marked on projects put together by the committee. Joe volunteered to put together a few different logos and bring them to the committee to decide on.

Holly shared concern with the lack of storage space the committee has for the ice rink. Joe suggested contacting Tom Fadden to see if the town garage would be willing to be used as a place for storage.

With no further business, Joe adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held April 22nd, at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center to discuss Springfest. Regular meeting will be May 14th, at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center