

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2019, 6:30 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

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

Recreation Coordinator: Susanne Gann

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Approval of Minutes

The committee members looked over last months minutes with no error. Holly motioned to approve the April 11th minutes, Nicole second the motion, all were in favor.

Approval of Budget

The monthly budget was discussed with no error, Nicole motioned to approve the budget, Holly second the motion, all were in favor.

Swim Program

Nicole reported that the registration forms for swim lessons would be going home with the children on Friday May 17th. She would also be posting the form on Front Porch Forum along with Facebook. She mentioned that it will be difficult to get the registration forms to Preschool due to there schedule only going until Wednesday. Susanne offered LeeAnn Lee's email to Nicole in order to get the registration forms to the children through the Head Start program. There will be 24 slots available making the registration first come first serve.

Green Up Day

Susanne reported that Green Up Day went well but there were critiques. A few citizens mentioned that they would like to have had the East Hardwick drop off site open during Saturdays clean up.

Nicole mentioned that the table set up was too far away from the dumpsters, which were located behind the Fire Station, and that next year it should be closer in order to know where to put the trash. Joe suggested that next year there should be a sign with an arrow showing residence the location of the dumpsters. Joe also mentioned the table should have a canopy next year.

While the Committee did have a tire dumpster present, some tires were still dropped off at the Hardwick site after the dumpster had been removed. Rhonda suggested leaving the dumpster

over the full weekend to avoid the night time drop offs. Susanne suggested getting in contact with a man in Irasburg who collects tires and see if he would be willing to take them next year. It was noted that there were left over ice cream coupons which can be used for next years Green Up day. The committee also discussed asking Mountain View Snack Bar for donated gift certificates in the coming year.

Portable Theater System

Susanne reported that she had found a system that included speakers, screen, and projector on amazon for \$1,799. Holly shared concern that the use being once a month for the summer adding to a total of three uses would not be worth the cost. Holly suggested that the committee save the money and put the effort into Mackville. The committee agreed, postponing the theater until next year. The committee will begin to look into areas that have an outlet for the theater, such as at Caspian.

SpringFest

Susanne reported that she has ordered the 50/50 raffle tickets along with the prizes for the games. Holly suggested purchasing 70 spiked rubber balls for \$20 off of Facebook, all agreed. The entertainment will be starting at 12:30PM, being Modern Times. The committee was in agreeance that all activities hosted by Recreation will be concluded by 2:00PM. Susanne mentioned that the Church and Tops will not be participating this year, and is still waiting on a response from HeartBeet. Joe requested that members who brought canopies last year bring them for this year as well.

Holly suggested that the committee purchase orbeez water beads to fill a pool with, sensory and non toxic. Holly offered to bring her bubble machine instead of renting one. Susanne will buy specific bubbles to go with the machine off of amazon. Mallory agreed to bring her sound equipment for entertainment prior to Modern Times. The committee agreed to Susannes suggestion of purchasing a dunk hat instead of renting a dunk tank. With no further planning required the committee will meet at Atkins Field at 9:00 Am Saturday May 25th Prior to the local parade for set up.

Mackville

Susanne reported that Shawn the town manager has approved equipment that is under \$12,000. The equipment will be approved on its own without the instillation, shipment cost. The committee discussed Hickory Ridge playground from Triple A State of Play that is within the \$12,000 budget that falls within playground regulation.

The committee discussed delivery details and further questions, which will be reported to the sales associate for Triple A State of Play. Joe wondered if the committee will need to make plans to have the equipment delivered to a loading dock or if it can be delivered directly to Mackville. If the equipment requires a loading dock delivery, the committee will need to coordinate with the

town for a forklift or tractor. The committee will also ask what is required of them for the assembly of the playset.

Susanne met with Jim Carrien, with Vermont League of City and Towns, who looked into the current playground. He mentioned that the swing sets looked acceptable but one of the toddler seats would need to be replaced. The toddler swings would also require their own bay that is separate from the adult swing set. He also mentioned that the mulch would require a specific amount of inches around each piece of equipment.

Moving forward with the discussion from the playground to Mackville project as a whole, Susanne mentioned that she will be in contact with the Ben and Jerry's CAT project to see if they would assist the committee in the assembly of the leaf benches and new grills. Joe mentioned building a possible foot bridge for the dampened section of the play area.

Susanne reported that the wooden playset present at Mackville will need to be removed do to not meeting regulations. She mentioned that the slide attached to the playset is in great condition and will be removed and used elsewhere.

The committee discussed the new Mackville sign, which will be installed where the current sign sits. The committee made the decision to move forward with the sign which includes a loon. Joe suggested making the sign 30 by 44 to match the size of the current sign. Susanne will talk with Kristen Leahy to see if permitting will be required for the size requested. The committee agreed to not move forward with the signs that would be placed in Hardwick directing citizens to Mackville.

Joe suggested putting together a small presentation of the Mackville project to showcase at Springfest

The recreation committee will have a meeting exclusive to Mackville planning on May 28th, 2019 at 6:30 Pm in the senior center.

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 June 11th, at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center