

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022, 6:00 PM

Hardwick Senior Center

Members present: Jason Bahner, Mallory Greaves, Sara Behrsing, Emily Varvir, Emily Hale and Samantha Collins

Absent Members: Lanna Lawson

Recreation Coordinator: Jason Bahner

Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Guests: Reeve Bassom from Atkins Field and Ila Hunt from the Caspian Beach Committee to present the basics for Teach America to Swim to the committee.

Atkins Field- Reeve Bassom

Reeve brought the idea of developing programming for the children who attend the lunch program at Atkins Field during the summer months. These programs would need to be coordinated with the committee to find volunteers around lunch time. Jason suggested the committee discuss ideas further at the June meeting and get an idea of who would be available. The committee discussed finding storage for kick balls and other inclusive sport items down at Atkins. Reeve did mention that building storage would not be a possibility and an alternative would need to be brainstormed. The committee will discuss further in June.

Teach America to Swim- Ila Hunt

Ila presented the idea of having Hardwick children join the swim lessons that will be taking place at Caspian Lake during the week of July 18th - 22nd. Teach America to Swim can have over 100 children sign up for the program. The price would be \$20 per child per week to take the lessons. Transportation would be required along with a responsible adult to watch after the children. The program allows for children aged 2-13 to sign up and maxes out at 160 children. Applications to sign up can be found online and on the fliers. Jason will reach out to Casey and David to discuss funding further for the project.

Approval of Budget

With no issue on the budget, Mallory motioned to approve the May budget, Emily V seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Emily V motioned to approve the April minutes, Samantha second the motion.

Easter Egg Hunter

The members present at the egg hunt reported that the hunt went very well. Around 100 kids showed up for the event despite the cold weather. The committee only spent \$169 on candy for egg filling.

Family Fun Run

The committee finalized the family fun run route, starting at the fountain at the memorial park on south main street. The run will be a loop and back in time to watch the parade. The event will begin at 9am and sign up for the event will take place 8 am to 9 am. Danielle from Hardwick Fitness has graciously donated a year membership to her fitness center. This prize will be for adults and the kids will be put into a raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to Whistle Emporium. Liability forms will be filled out prior to the beginning of the race. Jason motioned to approve the expenditure of \$50 for the purchase of a Whistle Emporium gift card, Mallory seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Green Up-day

Jason reported that green up day had gone very well, and only two bags had been left at the fire station. Only 46 tires had been dropped off at the municipal garage where there was a dumpster. Around 200 bags had been dropped off before closing at 3 pm and 300 bags had been handed out to community members. Samantha requested that next year there be a plan in place to pick up trash bags on the side of the road that have been left. The committee would like to give a shout out to Bruce Fortman for volunteering alongside the committee at the Green-up table.

New Business

Jason mentioned perhaps preparing a scholarship for swim lessons of \$500 to cover the cost for children in need. The committee will also look into busing for next year as a possibility.

The committee will be discussing and voting on positions during the June meeting. Positions that need to be filled are, chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer.

Jason will be reaching out to the REACH! Coordinator to check in about the schedule for the summer.

With no further business Mallory adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held June 14th, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Senior Center