

June 18, 2018

## Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Present: Jim Hidden, Jessica Perkins, Casslyn Cook and Anne McGarrity

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Jim and seconded by Casslyn.

Jim suggested and motioned that Casslyn Cook be the Committee Chairman. Jessica Perkins seconded motion. All members voted yes.

Jim motioned Secretary be Jessica Perkins. Cassalyn Cook seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

Casslyn opened the meeting with asking Parker Roberts for a list of what he needs, as well as 3 years of data of programs for Adults and Kids. Casslyn also suggested we get a current inventory and conditions of all gear. She also asked Parker what training and certificates the Tai Chi and Yoga Instructors had.

Anne Stated that only back ground checks were necessary if the person was allowed alone with children.

Casslyn suggested we find out if events show a net profit or loss. She handed out a packet of questions to ask Parker Roberts based off last year's programs, looking for enrollment numbers and costs.

Anne asked about Adult Bus trips as to whether or not there was adequate publication and how well attended was the programs, as well as if outside Tamworth Residents were allowed to attend.

Jim stated much of the information about programs is on the Facebook page and asked Parker if he updated the Facebook page himself.

Anne Suggested that we look at other comparable towns like the Ossipee Rec department for ideas and suggestions.

Casslyn suggested pooling lower attendance events with other towns as it would be more cost effective to share the costs.

Parker suggested combining the Flower Show with Conway or Moultonboro as there had been a significant drop in numbers in the past, which is likely due to the amount of walking attendees have to do.

Board Asked Parker for number on some of the current Rec Programs:

Adult Programs are:

Adult Basketball which typically sees 8-14 people

Junior High Basketball typically sees 8-12 attendees

Pickleball which is in its first year and had 10-12 people

Also new this year was Unified Basketball which had 4-15 attendees

Parker stated that if someone comes to him with an idea he doesn't turn their ideas away.

Anne Suggested that Tennis be brought back. Parker stated that Pickleball seems to be the new tennis. He said the courts are often used especially in the summer time. Courts were resurfaced he stated a few years ago and he maintains the area.

Anne stated she would like to see more non- sport programs such as arts, dance, etc. Jim stated that another committee should be created to handle that, that it wasn't under Parkers Job title.

Casslyn suggested getting the Tamworth Arts Council and the Chocorua society involved in that committee.

It was agreed by all that the Facebook Page for Park and Rec is paramount to getting information out. Parker stated he also puts the calendar up at the Tamworth PO and it is put on the town website as well.

Casslyn suggested it be posted at the Ossipee Post Office as well.

Anne asked when the 4th of July schedule will be done-Parker stated everything is all set and it will be going up tomorrow on the Facebook Page.

It was discussed what course the parade would take as whether or not it would reverse and Parker Stated it would not this year, that most vendors do not want to have to set up in two different locations.

Parker stated that it had been suggested to have the 4th of July festivities in the village as more of a Street Fair. But it was presented to him in April which was too late for this year.

Casslyn asked Parker what happens if a child cannot afford a summer program. Parker stated sometimes the school helps by paying half, or if it is a true necessity, he will waive the fee.

Casslyn asked where donated money goes. Parker stated that money goes into a general fund, not specifically to Parks and Rec.

Anne asked when summer programs are held. Parker stated they are days a week and this year will run from July 9-August 9. He stated the swim program is run through the Red Cross and not through Parks and Rec.

He stated that the summer programs is held at the school and is open to all Tamworth residents, as well as Fresh Air Children, and often times Grandchildren of Tamworth residents or their guests.

It was asked how many staff members Parker has for the program. He stated he has 6 plus himself and all are CPR and fully trained. Adults are background checked as well through Troop B. Parker stated he has on average about 80 enrolled in the summer program and the biggest even trip is to a water park with about 50 attending. He uses First Student for bussing.

Casslyn stated the board would get together more questions for Parker and get them to him by Thursday in his mailbox.

It was discussed when the next meeting would be. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25th at 6pm.

Casslyn motioned to close the meeting at 7:09pm. Jessica Perkins second the motion. All agreed.