

MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 24, 2015

Present: Jay Feyler, Aaron Cheesman, Kathy Graffam, Mike Thompson, Patrick Mellor, Jeff and Jessica Nelson

Approved minutes from last mtg on 4/13

Reviewed baseball and softball seasons.

Agreed that overall was successful, with a couple minor issues.

- Discussed problems with lack of mowing , suggested that board look for new mowing contract when this one is up in a year, questioned need for supplemental mowing during season?
- Discussed playing time, roster size and potential need for tryouts for next season, to help group players by ability, and some future uniform/equipment needs
- Need for coaches meeting/s, to delegate responsibilities and get snack shack coverage/stocked
- Mike plans to get write up done soon for town report for next year and would be good for all of us to get any photos of our programs together and forward to Jay for future use in the report
- Talked about need for more field space, will do another application to Pullen Fund for next year to repair back field at UES

New Scoreboard

- Stored in Fire station, discussed plan to proceed with installation
- Jay to check with Dig Safe and Chris Packard and/or Greg Grotton about digging trench and post holes
- Jeff Nelson volunteered to help with wiring
- Talked about finding a date for volunteers to come help install after we figure out earthwork

Rec Complex

- Jay's connection Colin will be working on a concept design over the summer and agreed to do it at no cost, except materials
- Looking ahead to a wetlands study in the fall and walking the area to develop the site plan

New Programs

- Swimming lessons will continue as in the past, starting asap

- Patrick Mellor offered to investigate “safe route to school” grants that may be available for us that he had worked on previously
- Mentioned possibility of Union Rec Facebook page if someone would be interested in setting it up and monitoring it
- Discussed possible youth tennis programs, and will continue looking for someone to run programs, confirmed that stipend would be available for instructor
- Talked about youth soccer program for the fall, Aaron and Patrick to possibly coach and look for other volunteers, will put in first new school newsletter and potentially start a few weeks into the new school year.
- Talked about the possibility of group ticket rates, and possibly combining with Warren and Waldoboro on some sports events
- Mentioned possibility of some new programs for adults as well, golf tournament at UCC, tennis tournament, basketball

Membership

- Discussed chairperson position, with annual stipend of \$2K available for someone to take over duties.
- Two potential new members for the committee have signed up at the town meeting as interested in joining, Aaron to follow up with them

Next meeting planned for mid to late September