

MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING & RECREATION COMPLEX COMMITTEE OCTOBER 3, 2016

7:30-8:35

Attendance:

Jay Feyler

Aaron Cheesman

Rob Miliken - Rec Complex

Mike Thompson

Clairlynn Rountree

Patrick Mellor

Travis Brown - Chair of Rec Complex Committee

After introductions, Update of youth programs

Mike briefly reviewed Baseball and softball season:

Enrollment was down this past season, but Union still managed to have 4 teams total. Union brought on some extra boys from Warren for the Little League team. Some discussion on why baseball/softball enrollment is declining, while student enrollment numbers are the same or higher than the past, with more sports options, shorter attention spans, etc

New scoreboard is up and running very well, thanks to Mike and Jeff Nelson's efforts with some help from a few other committee members.

Discussed the cost of port a potty rental for the season, which recreation had funded in the past but did not this past season.

Motion was made by Patrick M to split the cost in the future with the Union Baseball account, seconded and approved.

Clairlynn R, who was recently sworn in as a new member of the committee, reviewed the swimming lessons which she has been offering at Beaver Lodge. Have been offered to Union residents and Beaver Lodge members only in the past, and classes have been full. We discussed adding more classes to open up to Warren residents, and possibly other non Union residents. Committee agreed that this may be something we can offer that Warren does not currently offer.

We noted again that a youth tennis program would be a good addition to our programs, which is another one that Warren does not have. Glenn Reigns name was mentioned as someone to ask about coaching this.

Aaron C mentioned that Union's soccer players are playing on a team together in Warren's league this year.

Aaron plans to run the K-2 basketball program again after Christmas break, which has had good numbers in the past.

Jay F discussed further collaboration with Warren Recreation and possibly using John Leach to help with some administration of programs. Committee agree to further explore this with Jay talking to John. (was there a motion? can't recall)

Some discussion of Union school back field work that was done, paid for by football boosters. Committee agreed that field should stay as a multi-use field instead of football only field. Discussed possibility of adding soccer goals. Discussed new superintendents supports of youth sports.

Committee discussed Rec Complex idea and questioned how to gain momentum and support for it. Looked over the two drawings that were done of possible sites on the land. Jay mentioned the summer intern at the Town office, Elanor Synder, who researched grants for recreation complex.

Discussed the idea of a walking track with a multi purpose field inside, which would appeal to seniors for safe exercise as well as others. Patrick M suggested he would look into some pricing for artificial track and turf surfaces.

Agreed that we needed to have someone from DEP look over the site to understand more about the site, environmental issues etc,. Jay agreed to talk to someone from DEP. Travis B will take a look over the grant information assembled by Elanor and await information from DEP.