

PRC Meeting 2-14-2018

New Durham Library 7 PM

Present: Mark D'Entremont-Andrew Hernandez- Doug Perkins, and the PRC Director Nichole Hunter

Excused absence: Dot Veisel

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

- **Chair Perkins made a motion to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee; (b) the hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) matters which, if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. Member Andrew Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.**
- **Non-public notes:**
Nichole Hunter briefed the committee, letting them know that Recreation department employee David Gray is ill and will not be able to do his duties for the next few weeks at least. She explained that she would need to take over his duties including but not limited to the Basketball program and keeping the score for the last games of the season.

The committee left non-public session at 7:15 p.m.

The committee reentered public session at 7:15 p.m.

Items discussed

Transfer request reviewed and finalized.

- **Motion made by Chair Perkins to authorize the transfer total of 10,541.59 from parks and recreation special revenue fund to the town of new Durham general fund.**
Motion seconded by Hernandez and passed 3-0

Director evaluation

- Due 2/20/2018. Process discussed for the benefit of new committee members, Hernandez and D'Entremont.

Ice rink

- Discussion about setup, setup is finalized. The committee reviewed with the director Nichole the lessons learned about the issues with the location chosen for the rink. And the year's weather conditions were not ideal for a fast setup. Nichole to put up safety signs and then announced to public that the rink is ready for use.

Winter programs reviewed with the Director

- New Year New you
- Youth Basketball: MMLA sponsorship of \$500.00 noted-seasons ends 2/17
- Open gym Basketball: Thursdays thru March with exception of the school vacation week.
- Open gym: walking/running: Sundays thru March 10AM to 11 AM.
- PiYo Class: Tuesday 6:45 PM
- Yoga Class: Wednesdays 9 AM
- Cize Class: Canceled
- Cribbage- same plan as previous years
- Senior Bingo- still getting a good amount of participants, averaging 30 to 40 people each week steady
- Winter Market: Third Saturday of the month, we will seek a Teen volunteer to help out. Nichole will need to help with Basketball at the same time.

Playground area at the ball fields:

- New redesign and upgrade plan of playground area will be presented at March meeting for approval. Then PR Director will present to the Town/ Select Board and trustees for Purchase in April & install in May

Dog Park Inquiry/Proposal-

- Initial discussion about having an area at the ball fields for a dog park for residents. Location discussed, possible location could be far end of bottom parking lot in back area. Reviewed informative documentation provided by Insurer, Primax. NH Public Risk Management exchange. Dog area guidelines, areas and Risk management guidelines.

Ball field grass area maintenance update:

- New full time DPW worker, possibility to elevate the pressure of finding a volunteer to do the mowing of the ball fields. PRC mower is in need of repair if it is the unit to be used. Further discussion will be needed.

Spring Sports update:

- Track and field – into & Granite State
Nichole noted to committee members-We are offering Granite State Track & Field for ages 9-14 again plus, we will offer an intro program for our younger track enthusiasts (ages 4-8).
- Tee Ball, Baseball & Softball
Registration is open and we have programs available for ages 4+.

Plunge benefit in April:

- PR Director Nichole introduced the idea and possible plan to use the online fundraising for this event. This will increase the visibility of the event to the public and allow for donators to do contributions right on the web page.

Website/newsletter and sponsorships and 2018 solicitation:

- PR direct Nichole briefed the committee with the status. Newsletter coming out this week.

Spring Programming:

- Lego and superheroes parties: supports 68 hours of hunger
- Spring celebration: egg hunt, Vendor fair, and crafts. This is a successful event the past few years.
- Local Cub Scout pack 859 may do a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Parks and Rec activities. Nichole will reach out to the pack to get final details.
- Kids' night: possibly start up again in March, Nichole noted it is a successful fundraiser with lots of continued interest from residents.
- LulaRoe extravaganza: activity fundraiser reviewed and PRC briefed by Nichole.
- Penny sale to be a possible event, Nichole to provide more detail in the coming weeks.
- Earth day clean up and earth day projects-follow outline from previous years.
- Town wide yard sale and savers fundraiser will be scheduled again this year.
- Community gardens idea/project discussed, this will include collaboration with the Meetinghouse committee, using raised beds at the Meetinghouse property, possible fundraising to be available online for residents to donate. More discussion to follow.

Summer programming

- Basic overview of what is planned no detailed discussion on these topics
- Celebrate New Durham Day: What events will we want, we will need to reach out to the 2017 sponsors.
- Perhaps use the online fundraising for residents to participate in fund raising, included but not limited to a possible professional Fireworks display.
- Staff need for summer programming: Swim lessons: one instructor will not be retiring this year. Nichole to address this need and update the committee on the status.
- Field Trips- no exact schedule as of yet.
- Adult programming: adult softball (team or pickup)
- Running/walking group
- Hikes
- Hiking Backpacks & Picnic Bags- passive programming endeavor
- MYO Boat Race with MMLA (Merry meeting Lake Association)

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM.

No Next meeting scheduled

Meeting notes provided and submitted,

Mark D'Entremont

February 22, 2018