

Park and Recreation commission meeting September 20th, 2018

Present Dot Veisel, Mark D'Entremont, Andrew Hernandez.

Excused absent: Doug Perkins

Meeting starts at 7:10 PM

New Business-

Dot Veisel made a motion for referee soccer new higher, to be paid \$15 a game.

Motion 2nd by Hernandez motion 3-0 passed.

Dot made a motion for 4 returning referee increase \$15 to 25\$

Motion 2nd by Hernandez motion Passed 3-0

Old business

Food pantry rep Winnie Berry

Winne noted that the meeting notes from the commission meeting on July 20th 2018 did not include her initial request at public input regarding the below matter of discussion for the food pantry.

Commission member Mark D'Entremont noted that he had taken notes for that meeting and did not record her statement as it was missed by him. Mark D'Entremont apologized and noted to make sure her comments and concerns are noted going forward. The missed notes were not intentional.

Food Pantry representative Winne Berry, addressed the commission asking about the fund raiser program for the T-Shirt sales that is run by the Park and recreation commission.

Winne expressed that she had details on how many T-Shirts for the Food pantry were sold via the online sales fundraiser run by park and recreation, but she has still never received the percentage that was allocated for fund raising from the sales of t-shirts for the food pantry in specific, totaling approximately \$60.

Winne indicated that the recreation director had notified her more than a few times verbally that the money would be paid to the food pantry in a timely manner, Winne expressed that is has already been 3 years since the money would have been owed,

Winne requested

1. To know what the recreation department has on record for how many shirts were sold, specific to the food pantry.
2. Receive the owed % (approximately \$60) of the fund raiser Payment for the shirts sold for the food pantry.

Commission member Dot Veisel responded-explained that she would call a meeting ASAP with the financial office at the town hall and review the fund raiser setup and find the reason the money has not been paid to the food pantry. Also to insure that any money owed to the food pantry will be paid ASAP as it has been more than 2 years of waiting.

Public Input

Extensive discussion regarding Ball field area maintenance conditions and responsibilities, residents all expressed concerns and questions about the field conditions and responsibilities. Some questions need to be answered by the DPW, some by the town administrator. The commission addressed the concerns and expressed that reaching out to the town administrator

with specific questions about field conditions and responsibilities is the best action they can take to get direct answers to their concerns. Concerns included but not limited to.

Soccer field deprivation due to the infield work done on the lower and upper ball fields during soccer season. Concerns as to why the infield work is being done during soccer season. The infield's extended into the soccer play field and are a concern and have become a dust hazard for soccer players. The lower infield is done poorly and residents expressed their concerns for the quality of work done by the landscaper to be sub-par and inadequate. The upper infield is much too large and not regulation at all. This was expanded by the landscaper and now due to this expansion is in need of repair.

Weeds over grown and trash conditions-

Discussion about A resident that was forced to call DPW and ask about the area along the wall behind the snack shack , no weed whacking had been done all season, there is trash and planting material and old plants and cardboard boxes in the area in question. Public express that it was unsightly and a general mess.

Area around equipment shack at the entrance to the facilities.

Comments from the public that there was glass and broken window material behind the equipment shack, posing a possible hazard to the public.

Resident Annette Belanger address the commission

She expressed concerns about the soccer program for the intro level. She expressed the lack of communication from the recreation department director and noted that she was expressing interest in sending her kids to Alton because of lack of communication. She had late responses from recreation about time lines and schedules and program start times. She also indicated that the contest for the CNND (in specific the gnome finding contest and the coloring contest) there were no winners announced as of yet. The commission also was not aware that this has not been addressed.

Annette ask the commission to look into this, to get the answers she has asked for already from the recreation director.

Open discussion-

Subcommittee- athletics general committee.

Discussion about possible sub-committee creation to include volunteer residents. To facilitate site management and convey communication to the Town of conditions at the ball field and to advise on materials and equipment for the athletic events at the ball field and Park and recreation programs corresponding to the use.

Action items for Park and recreation commission defined during meeting

1. Commission member Dot to Schedule a meeting with the town financial office too.
 - Review fund raising for park and recreation, in specific related to funds allocated in the revolving fund
 - Funds received from the T-Shirt sales online fundraiser
 - for the food pantry, how many shirts in total were sold

- Get the % of the money owed from T-Shirts sales that is in question PAID to the food pantry ASAP
2. Commitment to work on having a commission meeting every month on the last Thursday of the month. Each commission meeting we will start with the Revolving fund statement, balance of funds reviewed and any transactions for previous month.
 3. Check snack shack equipment
 - Hot dog machine
 - POP corn machine, condition to be reviewed and mechanical inspection.
 - Refrigerator status
 - Flag pole, need US flag and outdoor light needs to be fixed
 4. Communication about park and recreation events

Discussion about possibly Sending Home Park and recreation newsletter with students at the elementary school in New Durham, maybe Carpenter school as well. Public has expressed lack of information for events, other than posting on social media.

Meeting Adjourned

10:02 PM

Next meeting scheduled for October 18th 2018

Meeting notes provided and submitted,

Mark D'Entremont

September 24, 2018