

## **Park and Rec meeting August 21, 2019**

**Present Dot Veisel, Mark D'Entremont**

**Andrew Hernandez, park and rec director Celeste Chasse**

**Excused absent: Doug Perkins: Darlene Demerit**

Meeting start at 7:09 PM

- Celeste opened with comments on transition to new job.  
Recreation director was not available for the pre-arranged times to work on training.  
Desktop and my rec and email address access provided. New Recreation director indicated she has not received the notebooks for the position yet.  
Dot expressed she would reach out to the exiting recreation director, to inquire about the notebooks that were indicated as not received yet.  
  
Celeste commented on Payroll-  
No list of employees, as of yet and expressed her concern and intention of working with the town administrator to get the list.
- Bingo discussed  
Date for bingo- Celeste called the school to get some info on planning activities, and when Bingo will start back up. Shooting for possibly sept 8th  
No date yet for bingo, waiting on school to give response.  
Dot discussed the food vending option for the bingo program. Doing the same as previous year, offering to local groups to use opportunity to fund raise.  
Groups to reach out to and schedule time slots for the Bingo sessions
  - Food pantry
  - Boodey houseIn addition, recreation department will cover any weeks not by designated group.  
Celeste gathered contact info for each group to contact them.
- **Soccer**  
Shirts color will be silver with new logo- ETA is September 3.  
Possible first game will be September 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Soccer field size discussed for the 3/4 team. Celeste indicated playfield is too big. It can be shortened. This will alleviate the overlap that exist with baseball diamond in upper fields.  
Celeste will update the commission later after more review.  
1/2 field is lined with proper new length, as previous years it was not done correctly and it was too large for the 1/2 group. Now it is correct.  
New goal setups for the 1/2 field are ordered and should be in and setup before first practice, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Review snack shack duties**  
Soccer season- run by Park and rec.

Went over supplies and what is needed.

Potential to ask parents to donate some times example, Gatorade

- **Pumpkin carving**

Date is October 24<sup>th</sup> at Library

- **New Durham 5k Road Race-**

Celeste briefed the commission on this topic; race would need to be re-certified if changing race way. Celeste to look into it. Her suggestion was to end the race at the ball fields. With events planned at the field on that day, maybe in OCT.

- **Playground opening in conjunction with first soccer games September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

No exact time for ceremony yet, until soccer game schedule is available.

Andrew Hernandez indicated Meredith savings bank to donate 200\$ and will put Bank banner up for Ceremony.

Do ceremony at first day of soccer. September 7<sup>th</sup>

Plaque to commemorate volunteer committee members who did the work, will be purchased.

Music and audio system for announcement, using the new sound system, that is in the TH basement.

- **Holiday Craft fair date discussion**

Potential date November 23rd

- **Senior dinner December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Opens at 11

No food pantry this year to help with food setup

Dot has a list of supports and donation contacts for Celeste. Celeste to reach out to them.

- **Winter carnival day, idea Celeste putting out there.**

Ice rink setup, maybe on Club pond with authorization from Farmington Rod and Gun club, possible fire department assistance with water needs.

Music/food/

Ice fishing expo and training session, local resident maybe able to provide some basic training on how to construct ice-fishing traps homemade and non-expensive.

Will need more ideas for winter carnival activities. Can discuss again at future meetings.

Question from celeste about purchasing stuff

Dot explained that she is cleared to spend up to a certain amount and check with the Town admin

Celeste wanted to get some

Other programming Celeste asked about and wanted to look into again

Karate

Yoga

Pickle ball (Wednesday nights possible 7 to 9.)

Working with the library to do programs on Thursdays (program called spectrum)

Program

Teens first Thursday

4-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

K-2 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Idea for an escape room setup for teens and adults, maybe kids level.

Celeste mentioned looking into organizing a fund raising committee to organize and put together fund raising events

She will look more into it. Group would be responsible for ideas and execution of events for fund raising for park and rec, or specific items example, "fireworks for CNDD 2020"

Meeting Adjourned

8:30 PM

Next meeting scheduled for September 18

**Submitted by Mark D'Entremont**

**Secretary, New Durham Park and Recreation commission.**