

Park and Rec meeting July 17th , 2019

New Durham Community room

Present Dot Veisel, Mark D'Entremont, Andrew Hernandez, Doug Perkins

Absent: Darlene Demerit

Residents: Dana Berry, Cadie Proctor, Celeste Chasse

Commission chair Doug Call meeting to order at 7 PM

Items reviewed

- Celebrate New Durham Day 2019 will be canceled. We do not have a recreation director in place yet. The BOS advised the commission to cancel.
- Brief discussion about the New Durham 5k, it was discussed that this could be an event we can still do, and perhaps when we get the new recreation department director on board we can review this again and possibly schedule for some time in mid-September. To fund raise for the Park and recreations department and to ask for donations for the food pantry when contestants sign up for the race.
- Discussion about condition of playing surface of the infield for the New Durham ball fields. We concluded that Doug Perkins would go to the park and look at the material and advise the commission on what we can do to fix the issue with the material situation.
- Discussion about the possible rearrangement of the ball fields setup. Proposal from the New Durham volunteer committee members.
Proposed to shorten the upper Cal Ripken infield. It is a hazard and has a large "lip" now overlapping into the soccer field after the infield work done last fall. Since they only need to be the proper length for the rookie Cal Ripken league. The proposal was reviewed and the volunteer committee will work with the BOS to come to a final configuration proposal for the 3 ball fields at the New Durham ball fields.
Resident and volunteer committee member Dana Berry noted that the third base on the upper Cal Ripken field is in disrepair and a safety hazard. This will need to be replaced prior to next spring season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next meeting

Wednesday AUG 21st.

7 PM