

Norwich Recreation Council Meeting November 6, 2018

Present: Jill Niles, Jill Collins, Kristin Fauci, David Bartlett, Page Tompkins, Ryan Gardner, Rob Johnson & Bill Tine

Minutes from October NRC meeting approved

**Agenda Items:**

**\*Girard Field:** Infield improvements were done with town budget money recently. Volunteers helped to get this work done with grounds crew.

Backboards in the Girard gymnasium were put up using funds from the Girard Memorial Fund.

Ryan suggested that we continue to promote this fund, so that people will continue to donate to it. It would be nice to see this money used for worthwhile projects that Mr. G would be happy about.

Bill suggested that we continue to work on requesting money for the budget for “big ticket” items that need to be done on a regular basis, such as the roof on the pavilion at Huntley Meadow, which needs replacement.

Some members expressed interest in being at the budget meetings to discuss importance of recreation budget items.

**\*Principles and Practices** document: Ryan reviewed the development of this document and how to use it. Discussed having sport specific contact persons that coaches could go to for advice on issues that come up.

Ideas presented by council members for advisees:

Girls' Lacrosse: Jill Collins

Boys' Lacrosse: Pete Fahey

Basketball: Julie Stephenson or Phillip McCaull

Soccer: Bill Miles

Baseball: Bill Tine

- **Carol Sing:** The Christmas Pageant will be held on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. It begins in front of Tracy Hall at 7pm. The Rec. Council organizes the Carol Sing afterwards, at the Norwich Inn. Volunteers are welcome to help out with this.

**\*Halloween** was a great success. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Lars took photos again. Thanks to the Norwich Police Department and Sargent Frank for organizing Cadet Volunteers who helped with traffic control. Thanks to Rob Johnson and the Youth In Action group for helping with face painting and donuts, etc.

**\*Monthly Recreation Report** will be out soon (update - was sent out on 11/8)

**\*Soccer Survey:** Responses coming in. 52 responses so far. Rob reported on how the survey is working. Overall, responses are positive, and a few negative comments will be addressed individually.

Bill commented that soccer fields throughout the Upper Valley League are all very different sizes. Some large, some small. Jill has a UVRA meeting tomorrow and will discuss this.

Discussion about how many games there should be for various ages.

**\*Huntley Restrooms:** Jill handed out information on various options. Jeff Goodrich offered to do engineering work. Huntley has town water but need to figure out where effluent would go.

Are we generally in favor of the concept of a bathroom at Huntley other than a port-a-potty? General consensus is "yes." Ryan will continue to investigate options. Ryan requested all members email him with their thoughts. Ryan will bring it back next meeting.

Page announced that 4 members of the rock climbing group have joined the Richmond School/High School rock climbing group.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be on held on the third Tuesday in January, 1/15, at 7pm in Tracy Hall.