

Norwich Recreation Council Meeting March 5, 2019

Present: : Jill Niles, Jill Collins, Kristin Fauci, Gered Dunne, David Bartlett, Page Tompkins, Ryan Gardner, Sarah Martin, Rob Johnson, Amy Tuller

David moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Rob.

New business:

~ Jill discussed future of Recreation department and how we need to plan for future expenses. It is important to get pavilion roof done and there is money in the budget for that. It is also extremely important to remember to get the money added back into the FY '21 Budget for the tennis court resurfacing fund, as it was taken out this year. Money will need to be doubled next year to make up for money taken out this year. Line item for designated Tennis Court Fund should be \$10,000 for FY '21 and then \$5,000 for following years.

Jill suggested Gered and Kristin come up with a list, working with whoever the new Director ends up being, for maintenance needs for Huntley Meadow Gnarvana Bike path and pump tracks and estimated costs associated with keeping these up.

The Girard baseball diamond was completely upgraded and re-done last fall and should be set for the next few years.

~ Mud Season Spring Sports are set and underway and all spring activities are being finalized. Jill is still working on offering one more Mud Season activity for 2nd grade - Futsal / Basketball / Dodgeball & Tag games. It is not in the brochure, but it can be advertised on-line and through MCS communication. Thanks to Rob Johnson for spear-heading this and to David Bartlett & Brian Riordan for helping.

~ Hopefully a new Director will be chosen soon. The new Recreation Director will come in at a busy time. March 20th and 29th are scheduling meetings for the Interstate Lax Community and UVRA, respectively. Jill would like to provide overlap training and is willing to come in on weekends or evenings through March if that is the only time the new person is available due to finishing up in another job. This is something she can do up until her last day, Friday, March 29th. This deadline was made clear back in November when she gave her notice of retirement.

~ Ryan talked about how there were a lot of really good candidates for the position. Herb will make the final decision of who is offered the job.

~ We have Wait lists set up on-line for programs with maximums and Norwich kids get priority but you can't restrict non-residents from registering on-line. Jill goes through registrations to review. "For Mud Season we asked non-residents to register any time after March 1st (3 weeks after resident registration period). Ryan suggested looking into the software that would automatically provide a registration date restriction for non-residents.

Participants need to get permission from the coach to exceed maximum numbers, although we really try to fit everyone in who has signed up before a program begins.

~ Suggestion has been made by Alexa Manning, a parent in town to start a summer swim team at Storrs Pond, run through Norwich Rec, so that kids can compete in the Vermont league. Storrs doesn't want to do the registration for this as they don't have a point of sales system set up. We would have to rent pool time (include in registration fee). Alexa has put a lot of time and effort into preliminary organization of this, including a schedule set up for possible training times.

Ryan felt this will probably include quite a bit of administrative work. No coach is set up or selected at this time. Due to the timeframe at this point, this may be better decided by the new Rec Director. Discussed how specifics might work, such as liability, lifeguards, costs, interest, etc. The Council agreed that this could be a good addition. If we could get a commitment of the number of swimmers with strong interest, a coach who could run the program and a total price, it would be ideal if Alexa could bring this to the new Rec Director at the beginning of April.

~ Page and Amy have decided not to apply to continue on Rec Council. Jill thanked them for their service over the past 3 years. New officers were discussed. Ryan was nominated and voted unanimously to continue as President, and Kristin as Vice President. They each accepted. Secretary will be determined at next meeting - Bill Tine was suggested!

Rob moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Dave. Meeting adjourned.
Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7pm in the Tracy Hall Conference Room.