

Minutes of the Norwich Recreation Council

Agenda – Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019

Tracy Hall Conference Room – 7 pm

Members in attendance: Brie Swenson (Recreation Director), Ryan Gardner (President and Acting Secretary), Jill Collins (Past President), Rob Johnson, Bill Tine, David Bartlett

Public in attendance: Cathy Girard

1. The Council reviewed the March minutes. Jill Collins moved to approve; Rob Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The Council discussed the position of Secretary, and agreed that the Council would rotate among the members.
3. Brie presented an update on proposed new summer programs.
 - a. Pickleball: The Council discussed the various options for location (including Huntley), potential interest, and the logistics. Brie will provide a further update in May. Dave Barlow has connected with Sarah Reeves regarding possibly using the Norwich Racquet Club for use of a proposed Pickleball program.
 - b. Swim Team: Brie presented an update on a potential swim team. Apparently, there are 40 interested individuals, but only 5 from Norwich. Hanover Parks & Rec. may be willing to run a program through Hanover should Norwich not be able to offer it. Brie is working through the administrative issues and will provide an update in May.
 - c. Ashley Morse's Forest Camps: Ashley Morse and Jen Newberry (MCS kindergarten teachers) would like to offer several forest camps using the kindergarten shelter (cooking, stick building, etc.).
 - d. Other new programs could include theater camp, birding/naturalist possibilities, and a mountain biking camp (possibly 2020).

4. Brie presented an update on spring programs and sign-ups. Several of the programs have been open for sign-ups for some time, and others have recently opened sign-ups.
5. The Lions Club has moved the Norwich Parade from July to September 21. As such, they have proposed that the Labor Day race be moved to coincide with the parade. The Council suggested that recreational contests (soccer games, etc.) would like prohibit the full inclusion of kid participants; however, to the extent possible, the Council suggested that it could build community by having the youth teams participate in the parade. Brie will discuss with the Lions Club.
6. Old Business/ New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gardner

Acting Secretary