

Minutes of the Norwich Recreation Council

Tuesday October 1, 2019

Tracy Hall Conference Room—7pm

Members in attendance: Brie Swenson (Recreation Director), Ryan Gardner (President), Rob Johnson, Bill Tine, Steve Gaughan, Cathy Girard, Kristin Fauci (Vice President and acting secretary)

- 1) The council reviewed the September minutes. Rob Johnson moved to approve; Bill Tine seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2) Halloween celebration: Brie reported Lars Blackmor is all set to take pictures, Youth in Action are going to help run the face painting and donut hole eating activities at the Norwich Inn, as well as Tracy Hall. Brie also said the Norwich Inn is all set to provide cookies and hot cocoa. Brie said she will reach out to Chief Frank to see if the cadets can help control traffic and keep kids safe at crosswalks. Tracy Hall's multipurpose room has been reserved from 3-7pm for families to have a warm, safe place to go to do crafts, possibly watch a not scary movie.
- 3) Fall sports: Brie and coaches present at the meeting reported sport and other activities are going well. Strong participation. Bill Tine asked that before the start to next year's soccer seasons, all coaches and refs discuss USA Soccer rules and follow them at all games.
- 4) Brie reported that the annual Lion's Club parade went very well! Several children dressed in their blue t-shirts and participated in the parade.
- 5) Huntley rentals: HHS is renting on an "as needed" basis. Brie reported that a Girard Field by a Hanover sports team was not HHS and was handled with an apology and a \$200 fine paid to make repairs.
- 6) Huntley & Ballard work: Brie reported 2 grills were approved by the selectboard and purchased. DPW will install them at Ballard Park. The Norwich Nursery School planted bulbs at Ballard Park for their annual Bloom-a-Thon project. Huntley Meadow's upper parking lot now has an EV charging station. Dead trees were removed from the lower lot and the handicap parking sign in the upper lot was moved to a more convenient location. DPW discovered a section of playing fields has been infested by grubs and are treating the area with child safe materials.
- 7) Budget update: the FY21 budget has been delayed while the former Finance Director fixes several line item issues. Funds were mismanaged.
- 8) New/Old Business: Brie reported she has lined up two sheds from Home Depot to be donated. These will be used at Huntley Meadow. The Norwich Women's Club has kindly offered to pay for the sitework. Bill Tine asked for winter sports/activities, in particular basketball to be organized and advertised sooner than later. The council members present discussed and agreed this should happen.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm