

Bethel Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:03.
- B. In attendance were Fran Staples, Jamie Floyd, Ele Griffin, Theresa Claughton, Haddie Lary, Laurie Johnson, Kristy Roussel, and Crystal Washburn.
- C. Mission Statement: The Town Manager has given the committee a Mission Statement to review. Everyone liked the statement. The committee voted to accept the statement with 2 corrections concerning pool staff pay scale. The question of where the statement would be posted was asked. Suggestions given were at the pool and at the Town Office.
- D. Summer Pool Program: Discussion first centered around the Swim Team. The team had a fantastic session with seven to eight active members sometimes ten attendees. The swim team would like to join the Southern Vermont League for \$100. The committee approved. Concerning the group pass at VTC to practice, the committee was not ready to approve. Jamie Floyd asked if there would be a coach supervising the practices. Would the team have a winter program? Jamie suggested that more research be done. He requested that pool staff take a month or two to figure out what program would work for the team.

Next discussion centered around an evening level 3 class, a time slot of teens only, and an adult lap swim time. It was determined that due to scheduling, it would not work out for a Level 3 evening class. It was also determined that there was no need for a teen only slot. Though adults have a free swim time at ten minutes before each hour, pool staff said they could try having 11:15 a.m. to Noon as Adult only lap swim time. The staff said that because of the concerts at the bandshell on Wed. nights, that Activity Night on Wed. nights did not work. They also recommended that the pool close at 7 p.m. Attendance drops off at that time. Parents and pool staff requested that the pool be open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wish List for Pool: 1) Wifi at Pool- the committee voted it down. They do not see any need for it.

2.) Swim team goggles- The committee felt it was reasonable to buy 4 or 5 that can be reused every year. 3.) Kids pool toys- the committee felt it was reasonable to update toys with a \$50 maximum. 4.) Cubbies for staff instead of lockers- the committee liked the idea and suggested they be made at school shop. They also thought that the Architects of pool renovations be asked about this. 5.) repair cracks- Parents were very vocal on why every year there are cracks. Questions were asked such as weren't there any guarantees when the new liner was put in. They mentioned their children having cuts on their feet. 6.) Adirondack chairs- the committee recommended 4 plastic chairs instead. 7.) Ten new kickboards- the committee approved. 8.) wiffleball and bat- committee approved. 9.) 2 tier water fountain- the committee felt it is a Architect question. 10.) bathing suit spin dryer- Architect question. 11.) Filing Cabinet- the committee suggested that one be found at a yard sale. Jamie will keep a look out for one. 12.) New USA flag- Committee approved. 13.) Lower urinal and fix plumbing so pool

water and toilets can be on at the same time-that is contractor issue not committee.

After the Wish List was discussed, Theresa and parents brought up concerns about a pool staffer performance. Since it is a personnel issue, the committee stressed that it is a matter for the Town Manager.

- E. Master Plan/Fundraising: Ele shared the Pool House Update timeline. Parents asked why a skate park is to be built. They questioned if there was any recent interest in having one. Fran explained to parents how and why we received interest and put it in the plan. The committee was given an update on donations received. They are \$280 for tennis courts, \$685 in memory of Gary Wood, and \$84 for swing set.
- F. Forward Festival: The committee agreed that the Recreation Committee should have a table at Forward Festival. Ele said that she would donate the \$20, has a table, and would check about doing it.
- G. Other business: Jamie asked that the committee have a meeting devoted to Fund Raising. He asked Theresa and Haddie to participate. They mentioned that it would be hard since they would be away at college. The committee said that they would try to do it in December when the girls would be on break from school.
- H. Approval of last meeting minutes: it was tabled until next meeting.
- I. Day and time of next meeting will be determined later.
- J. Meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Ele Griffin