

Bethel Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
- B. In attendance were Corey Stearns, Fran Staples, Abbie Sherman, Allison Hull, Lisa Hill, Ele Griffin, Mrs. Ketchum, and Dietre Feeney.
- C. Public Comments: Mrs. Ketchum expressed concern about the proposal for the new tennis courts since that field gets a lot of water. She also mentioned that children slide during the winter on the hill near the jungle gym. With the skate park and the tennis courts going in that will eliminate a sledding hill. In addition, she asked about the condition of the pool. Dietre Feeney made the request to join the Recreation Committee. She told us about her experience as Director of a Conservation Camp in New York. She has worked with lifeguards including trainings for them. The committee was delighted to have her join and plans to bring up her appointment at the next Selectboard meeting.
- D. Master Plan: The pool house renovations are a go and will start soon. Though originally the base of the skate park was to be done at the same time, it will not. To make sure the renovations do not go over budget, there is built in a cushion of the funds gotten from FEMA. A question about the logging road was expressed. It is said it will be made October 1st so that logging will be done this winter. It will not affect the Recreation Center.
- E. Fundraising Sign: The sign is done and at the Town Office. It will be used at the Recreation table at Forward Festival.
- F. End of Year Pool Rap-up: Allison reported that there was low turn out at Activity Night. It was suggested that it be changed to another night. The Art Bus was not a hit last summer. The quality of the art projects were low and of little interest to kids. A suggestion was made that the Art Bus could be at the Monday Farmer's Market or the Wednesday night concerts. Allison suggested that the Games and Activities scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. be eliminated from the brochure because they do not have them anymore. Next there was a discussion of how the new pool hours went over the summer. Ele mentioned that there are families that want the pool open on Sundays and do not use the pool at 7p.m. week nights. Allison and Abbie expressed that the new hours were set because the pool log showed low attendance on Sundays. They also said that the log showed people still at the pool until 8p.m. It was reported that the Open House went well. Discussion on staff training mentioned that it could be done earlier. Abbie mentioned an Arbor Trek team building course. Dietre said that she could help with a ropes course and there is a course at the school that could be used. The training could possibly be done on a Sunday.

The topic of the Swim team came up next. The cost to use the VTC pool for 10 visits for the Swim team kids would be about \$40. Allison suggested that the parents could chip in for the cost. There is a \$32 fee to the Vermont Swim Association and the Software Team Manager cost could be anywhere from \$60 to \$500. The Recreation Committee suggested that we get more definite information on figures before any decisions be made.

Ele asked about what is happening about the Wish List that was presented at the August meeting. Abbie said she was looking at prices.

Abbie announced that the town budget is being worked on in October and the Recreation Committee needs to think what they want to recommend in the Recreation budget.

G. Forward Festival: The Recreation Committee will have a table. Ele asked if anyone had an overhead tarp to protect from the rain. Corey offered his.

There will be a pumpkin person at the Recreation Center sign. Ele said that she will see if she can borrow the easel. Lisa Hill suggested we put: "What would you like to see at the Recreation Center?" on the easel for input from people.

H. The committee approved July 8th and August 12th minutes.

I. The date for our next meeting will be Thursday, October 29th at 6:30p.m. at the Town Office.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Ele Griffin