

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
November 18, 2014
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Kristin Thomas and Jonathan Downing.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Public: Nancy Downing and Peter Leavitt

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman, W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

K. Thomas made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

Approval of Minutes

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Public Input

Basketball Program- Peter Leavitt expressed disappointment with the change in the Basketball program and noted that the new format with drills and a skill based camp, may not be enough for some players. The Commission discussed the recreation philosophy and the purpose of the program and will see how the format is this year and will discuss making changes in the future if needed.

Old Business

Ballroom Dancing- K. Troendle reported that the Ballroom Dance program was successful with 13 participants. Based upon the room size, the program was full with a waitlist. The next session will be held in January 2015. The instructor said a few more participants could be added (to accommodate 16 participants) because there would be room based on the next dance to be learned- the Foxtrot.

Basketball Program- K. Troendle reported that there are 27 participants for 1&2 grade; 10 girls for 3&4 grade and 16 boys for 3&4 grade. There are 14 girls for 5&6 grade and 19 boys for 5&6 grade (5 boys are playing up). Austin Perrin will be the head instructor for the Wolf Pack Skills Camp. The Commission discussed the philosophy of the “recreation sports program” where all kids have the opportunity to play versus the competitive league program. The Commission noted they would like to see how the program goes then make any changes for next year if needed. The Commission discussed “scholarship parents” volunteering to monitor the gym and work the clock for games at

PMHS, hours needed to work would be based on \$15/hour wage. Families that are not able to work the volunteer hours will not be eligible for future scholarships.

Light Up Night- E. Shelton will be at the Museum for the Open House. The Historical Society will be contacted about participation this year. Alton Home and Lumber will be sponsoring a Hayride and Parks and Recreation will sponsor Santa and the Holiday Craft with Little Pesaukees. Volunteers are needed to help with the children's craft.

Barbershoppers Concert- The Commission discussed the Barbershoppers Event scheduled for August 15, 2015. PMHS approved the use of the building for \$440, plus the cost of the custodian for \$242 for a total of \$682. K. Troendle asked PMHS about the procedure for applying for a fee waiver and is waiting to hear back. J. Downing noted that the Old Home Week Committee is happy to see the event return to Alton Bay. K. Troendle will contact Mary at JP China for a list with lodging and restaurants to send to the Barbershoppers and post on Face book.

Park Master Plan- J. Downing presented a map from DES that will be used in the Park Master Plan process. The Assessor will be contacted to provide a report on the Town owned properties. The Commission discussed current recreational areas and possible improvements that are needed. The Commission discussed expanding Jones Field to include additional fields and a loop track. It was noted that it may be a viable project in cooperation with the Water Department. The Commission discussed the Park Master Plan priorities to include providing maps and brochures with information on present parks. The Park Master Plan would identify the parks that the Town currently has then a key plan would be made for each park that would show the improvements that are recommended. The Commission discussed funding the project with the current budget by constructing items in house (like kiosks) and also presenting a warrant article to the Town, once the plans are complete in order for the projects to be funded and completed. The Commission agreed that it is important to let the public know what resources are available in Alton for recreation.

New Business

The New Business items were tabled until the next meeting, due to the lateness of the time.

Non-Public Session

W. Lionetta made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (c) character/reputation. The Commission was polled in the affirmative and K. Thomas seconded with all in favor of the motion. The Commission voted to approve the four scholarship requests as presented in exchange for volunteer hours worked.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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