



Town of Antrim

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Antrim Parks & Recreation Commission

Minutes

December 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Attendance

Parks & Rec Commissioners: Joan Gorga, Sam Harding, Peter Lamb, Isaac Lombard, Tim Smith

Recreation Director: Celeste Lunetta

Minutes

The minutes from the November 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Budget

- The budget was given initial consideration by the Board of Selectmen on November 26. The BOS noted that the 2013 budget was below the 2012 budget.
- It appears that the water bill does not need to be included in the budget at this time.
- The budget may need to be increased to account for damage to Shea Field caused by Great Brook School students at recess. (See below.)
- The proposed Capital Improvement Projects were also considered by the BOS. It remains to be seen where these projects will rank in priority in the anticipated lean years immediately ahead.

Shea Field

- The level of damage being inflicted on Shea Field by GBS students during recess is once again a concern on relatively warm days when there is a lack of snow cover on the frozen fields.
 - Students running and sliding in the waterlogged, unfrozen turf surface have left trails of torn-up grass.
 - Students have been scuffing up the ground while sitting on the dugout benches.
 - Zip ties holding the plastic safety shields on the top of the chain-link fence have been broken off around the entire perimeter of the field, in some cases knocking the shields completely off. Students have been observed shaking the shields to break the zip ties.
- Repairing the damage will incur additional maintenance costs, which must be borne by the taxpayers of Antrim, if ConVal does not agree to accept responsibility.
- It was agreed that Joan Gorga, as Parks and Rec Chair, would send an email to the principals of GBS and AES, cc'd to Antrim's school board representatives, the BOS, and the town administrator, explaining the current concern and asking for their cooperation.

Memorial Gym

Floors

- The gym floor resealing is confirmed for December 21-22, contingent upon the weather, due to the relatively long travel distance for the contractor. Since further delay would be a major inconvenience, Celeste will offer the contractor local overnight accommodations, if weather conditions would make travel difficult.

Climbing Net

- The climbing net has not yet been installed. Its exact location is still under discussion. The commission reiterated that the climbing net should not be located directly in front of the Rec Office window due to the risk of breaking the window and the disturbance of banging on the window.

Basketball Court

- The basketball scoreboard was vandalized recently. Wires were pulled out. Repairs will be made.

Memorial Park

Skate Park

- Tim Smith added further details on the recent repairs to the "Pyramid." The rotting supports were exposed and extra bracing was installed, using available scrap lumber. Access to the Pyramid was re-opened, but it will have to be rebuilt next summer in order to provide adequate support for the Skatelite surface, which would be costly to replace.
- Peter Lamb circulated a design for rebuilding the Pyramid. Construction details are still being worked out.
- There has been considerable turnover among users of the skate park since it was first built. It would be beneficial to blend some of the newer users with the long-term members of the Skate Park Subcommittee to make plans for fundraising efforts to support upgrades.

Tennis Court and Other Repairs

- Peter Lamb will take down the tennis net and posts for the winter.
- A local family has offered to help set up an ice rink on the tennis court.

10-Year plan

- To begin to develop a 10-year plan for Memorial Park, the Parks and Rec Commission will assemble documents on the history of the park, details of the physical layout and existing plantings, and boundaries and restrictions on the use of the land.
- A file drawer in the Rec Office will be dedicated to Parks and Rec Commission use. Hard copies of documents will be filed for ease of reference.

Update on Rec Dept. Staff and Programs

- The main computer in the Rec Office experienced a hard drive malfunction. During the repair process all data on the hard drive was lost. While there were other copies of many of the files, some data was irretrievably lost. The computer will be replaced with a laptop with a docking station, using money still left in the budget.

The next regularly scheduled Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 pm at the Rec Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

-Joan Gorga, Chair