

Town of Bridgewater, CT
Bridgewater Recreation Commission
DRAFT Minutes of Regular Meeting: December 8, 2011

Call to Order 7:14 PM

Attendees: C. Vikstrom, J. Flaxman, J. Planz, J. Gallagher

Absent: J. Stuart, J. Moker, H. Verdi

Minutes of 09/22/11 Approved (4-0-0) There were no October minutes due to weather-related meeting cancellation

Coordinator's Report: submitted by A. Virbickas. Accepted.

Correspondence: None received.

Notes to be written: to Senior Center, thanking for providing alternative summer location for two Recreation programs; to Neil Cable for judging Trunk or Treat contest.

Old Business:

Family Fun Day (Sept. 25, 2011) was well attended. (Co-sponsored program with Bridgewater Land Trust)

New Business:

Meeting Calendar for 2012 presented. Accepted (4-0-0)

Burnham School Gym Programming: We are looking for volunteers in the community to organize activities in the gym for any age group, for the purpose of local, low-key recreation.

Ice Skating:

Weather permitting, we will host a skating event at the Town Park, to include hot chocolate and other light refreshments.

Track and Field Event:

Weekend track and field event proposed by V. Cantor (Phys Ed instructor at Burnham). High School track to be used for event, to be coordinated with other R12 schools. Will check for conflicts with Shepaug Baseball/Softball and Soccer leagues.

Baseball/Softball Field Maintenance

J. Planz shared his proposal to work on the fields himself and provided a quote. C. Vikstrom will approach other vendors to obtain competitive quotes. Backstop at full-size field needs to be repaired.

Boy Scouts Camp / Pavilion Use Inquiry

The Boy Scouts have requested use of pavilion fields. Bylaws need to be reviewed and opinion of Selectmen obtained. More information to be gathered from Jen Iannucci, who filed the request on behalf of the Boy Scouts.

Budget Planning

Budget due soon. If we want any capital items (i.e. field maintenance contract, etc.) we need to submit request ASAP.

Facility Amenities:

Desire to improve basic amenities (benches by playgrounds, permanent grills by large fields, small play structures at playground)

Five Year Plan:

to be added to planning timeline: Part-time facilities employee to manage walkways, fields, grounds, etc.

Annual Report:

Requested by Selectmen. Draft to be prepared by C. Vikstrom and shared by email for review before submission to BOS.

Next meeting on January 26, 2012. Items for agenda: Facility Maintenance, Budget Planning, Five Year Plan, meeting with Brian Sullivan.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM