

BRIDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION

DRAFT Minutes of April 26, 2012 meeting

Catherine Vikstrom called the meeting on April 26, 2012 to order at 7:05

Members present: Catherine Vikstrom Julie Stuart Justin Planz
 John Flaxman Jim Moker (7:23)

Members absent: Heidi Verdi Jo Gallagher

Minutes from previous meeting were read and 2 corrections were made.

- Date of next meeting was wrong
- Catherine Vikstrom's name was misspelled

Motion to accept changes and minutes

- motion by Catherine
- 2nd by John Flaxman
- accepted 4-0

No Correspondence

Coordinator's report was read and accepted

- motion by Justin Planz
- 2nd by John Flaxman
- accepted 4-0

Old Business

Justin Planz reported on the progress of the three ball fields . Justin expressed a need for a permanent drainage repair on the Mike Deak field. Cathy presented several choices for new benches on the Johnson field. There was a concern on exactly where the money would come from. (motion to purchase in new business)

Catherine Vikstrom asked for a recommendation from Jim Moker on what should be done with the left over funds from the basketball club. (amount was not available, but all members recall the funds were minimal) It was agreed that until a solid idea was presented, the funds would be put into the Bridgewater Recreation Commission gift fund. (motion in new business)

Julie Stuart reported that contractors have been contacted for the Mary Allen Memorial, but that responses were not coming back. She will advise the committee when a contractor who is interested responds back. She also reported that the inscription that was previously accepted by the BRC was submitted to the First Selectman's office.

A short discussion about the pavilion bathrooms led to the idea that a Porto-Potty may be needed at the Rec Center. This would be a cheaper situation than to pay a cleaning crew every week. Parents are having a tough time with the distance the red shed s from the playing fields, feeling it is unsafe for children because they are out of sight.

Catherine Vikstrom reported that Stephen Riley was very interested in working with a tennis instruction program. Catherine had a few more names to contact, but thought Stephen should attend our next meeting. Catherine is also looking for someone to take the lead on a one time, or possibly a monthly or weekly tennis tourney. John Flaxman reported there are some repairs that need to be made on the tennis courts, but that Bill Stuart has already contacted the contractor and they would be made immediately.

Catherine Vikstrom reported that all the directors would be returning for the Summer Rec Program. There are also 8 counselors returning, with 3 more that have not yet responded. There were 2 counselors that would not be returning. The Camp will begin on July 9th, 2012, and end August 3rd, 2012. The registration can now be done online, and Catherine has already begun the advertising process.

New Business

There was a short discussion about the orientation of the soccer field. If the soccer field could be rotated 90 degrees, or if it could be slid to the west, there would be more room in center field on the new softball field. Jim Moker felt that there was not much that could be done.

Catherine asked the committee if there was a particular subject or project that should be highlighted in the next Bridgewater Recreation Newsletter. Catherine offered the softball field as a subject, which the committee felt would work.

MOTIONS:

The annual letter from the Shepaug soccer commission requesting funds totaling \$1000.00 was read. Also, the annual letter from the Shepaug baseball/softball commission requesting \$1500.00 was read.

Motion to pay \$1000.00 to the soccer program and \$1500.00 to the baseball/softball program made by Catherine Vikstrom

-2nd by Jim Moker

Approved 5-0

A motion to waive the fee for the Rec rental for the senior fishing derby was made by Julie Stuart

-2nd by John Flaxman

Approved 5-0

A motion to buy two (2) new 27' players' benches for the Doug Johnson field when the money becomes available was made by Catherine Vikstrom.

-2nd by John Flaxman

Approved 5-0

Motion to put left over basketball funds into the Bridgewater Recreation Gift fund, and marked "basketball" was made by Catherine Vikstrom

-2nd by Julie Stuart

Approved 5-0

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by John Flaxman.

-2nd by Justin Planz

Approved 5-0 at 8:11

Minutes by: Justin Planz