

Deerfield NH Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes for July 23, 2013.

Attendees: Jeff Shute, Chair, Melissa Robertson, Ken Heckman, Ernie Robert, Joe Manzi. P&R Director.

1800: Meeting Called to order by J. Shute

-First order of business was to ask for citizen comments, none submitted.

-Second order of business was to accept the meeting minutes from the June meeting. The Board unanimously accepted same.

-Third order of business was to discuss preparations for Old Home Day (OHD) scheduled for August 17. On this topic there was much discussion in an effort to finalize the plan for the day so posters and general advertisement for the event can move forward. Outlined as follows:

-No race this year. Prime mover for this event probably not available.

-Bingo at the Town Hall is on at 3 PM.

-Democratic Committee in Town requested a booth, possibly to be accompanied by ice cream floats, along with a presentation about GMO food. Board felt that OHD was not the best venue for this topic. However the ice cream floats were acceptable.

-Parade: Plan is to approach Calvin Todd (along with his family) to be the grand Marshall. Joe to acquire a plaque for a gift.

-Preparations: Discussion regarding menu specifics, associated equipment, and set-up, as well as defining responsible individuals and their duty areas.:

Dwight Barnes will provide paper goods, salad, and a beverage. Chicken and the cooking racks ordered. Ernie, Jeff to pick-up. Our intent is to offer hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw augmented by the sides people bring. Ken and Ernie will build the fire pit the Friday prior. Joe says he will have P&R staff to handle the games, bounce house, and to sell some of the P&R hoodies, t-shirts etc. Looking into presenting the Sherburne award in the evening.

- Fourth order of business: Major projects update,

-Storage shed expected to arrive tomorrow.

-Surface maintenance of the tennis and basketball courts complete.

-Bicentennial field: The Boy Scouts are courting us to do repairs such as the wooden steps down to the field and painting the Concession stand. Joe to ask the Board of Selectman (BOS) about this. In regards to the status of the electrical issues: E. Robert will meet with Joe for a walk down of the electrical system to evaluate and make recommendation. (Mr. Robert is a licensed NH Master Electrician.) In a related issue E. Robert and K. Heckman will look into establishing electrical service at the Hartford Brook field.

-Snack Machines in the George B. White (GBW) building: BOS directive is to have them removed. Joe is looking into selling them on ebay.

Fifth: Other/new business:

Recent Lobsterbake and Family night at the Gazebo were both considered to be successful. In a related note: The Farmers Market organizers observed that pairing the Family night with the Farmers market worked great for them and would like to do it again. Members were in agreement about this and look forward to future opportunities.

-The P&R commission still has a vacancy and is soliciting for same.

-Hall of Fame (HOF): Discussed means of soliciting nominees.

-Policy committee: E. Robert and K. Heckman expressed interest in forming this sub-committee to foster the formation and implementation of P&R policy. Goal is to have it in place by mid-November.

-Requested the Fairgrounds association (DFA) to move the Halloween Tailgate event to the fairgrounds. They are OK with it if we cover any costs. The Board agrees with this and will plan accordingly. The Tailgate event is getting popular and the Gazebo area is no longer safe place for it. One idea discussed to expand the event with the DFA with a haunted walk or something of that nature. Joe to follow up on this.

-Lastly, It was observed that many of the other Town committee's have paid individuals to do the meeting minutes. The P&R needs to evaluate this. Joe to look into it.

-Next meeting to be 8/13/2013 at 1900. This one will at least deal with any OHD issues and preparations.

-Meeting concluded at 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Robert Jr.

