

Town of Lee Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes for 02/16/2017

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
- Larry Kindberg, Joseph Hannon, Annette Brown and James Lonano were in attendance.
- No public comments.
- The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

New Business

- Matt Glode from Oyster River Youth Association (“ORYA”) was in attendance to discuss changes to the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”).
 - Mr. Glode provided an overview of ORYA operations and discussed particulars of ORYA’s budget and staffing.
 - More specifically, he discussed over player fees cover operating costs and the remainder of the budget comes from contributions from the Towns of Durham, Madbury and Lee, with each town’s contribution proportionally connected to its participation rate. The Town of Lee’s annual contribution has been \$27,000.
 - Mr. Glode outlined several areas of changes within the MOU that were made following discussions with the Town Administrator.
 - Mr. Kindberg expressed some concern re: ORYA’s use and care of the town facilities, specifically repeated instances of equipment not removed/locked away, damage to the field at LRP that has not been repaired by ORYA.
 - Mr. Glode expressed his admiration for the fields at LRP and expressed his commitment to maintaining the integrity of those fields. The proposed change puts the Town in charge of maintenance with ORYA contributing toward those costs.
 - It was also discussed that use of Stevens Field was removed from the MOU – Town Administrator advised Mr. Glode that it was unavailable due to possible future use/construction there. Mr. Glode expressed concern as the field is used extensively and overflow would spill over to other places like LRP, which will add to the wear/tear on the fields. Mr. Kindberg advised that the Board will seek to have use of Stevens Field put back in the MOU.
 - Members of the Board expressed concern that the revised MOU takes the Board out of the equation completely, especially regarding scheduling coordination. The Board strives for increased communication and cooperation with ORYA with mutual interest in promoting various events. Mr. Glode expressed his support.
 - Other items discussed included a Lost/Found station for equipment/clothing left behind at LRP; field work needed for the baseball diamond at the Town Field (adjacent to Mast Way Elem.); removal of lacrosse goal from area adjacent to tennis courts.
 - Mr. Kindberg will present to the Select Board about the Board’s recommendations for the MOU.

Treasurer's Report

- There is approximately \$7,591.36 left in the FY'17 Budget for programs through 6/30/2017.
- There is approximately \$2,877.96 in the revolving account.
- The Select Board did not approve the transfer of \$7,000 to the trust fund for future programs. The remainder of the Board's programs for FY'18 was approved by the Select Board.
- The treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business

- Landscaping at Little River Park ("LRP") – Further discussion on this project was tabled until Mark Davis from Pawtuckaway Nursery can attend a meeting with the Board.
- Movie Nights
 - Family Movie Night is scheduled for June 24, 2017. It is anticipated that the program will begin at 6PM with a family-themed night, including BBQ, facepainting, popcorn, and the movie (The Neverending Story) beginning at sunset. Mrs. Brown will secure a draft contract from the vendor for rental of a 16'x16' movie screen. It was also discussed about a cross-promotion of the event with Cub Scouts Pack 459 – Mr. Lonano and Mr. Hannon will report further on that.
 - Seniors Movie Night is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2017. Possible movie to view is Casablanca.
- Tennis Court Refurbishment – This project is currently tabled as there is insufficient money in the budget to fund this refurbishment.

New Business (continued)

- Easter Egg Hunt – currently scheduled for April 15, 2017 at the Town Field adjacent to Mast Way Elementary. Mr. Kindberg reports that Cynthia has assured the Board that everything will be set for this event. Mr. Lonano will also attempt to solicit donations from Lindt Chocolate.
- Fishing Derby – currently scheduled for May 13, 2017. Mr. Kindberg will send a formal request for use of Stevens Farm for this event.
- Model Rocket Day – currently scheduled for July 22, 2017 at LRP. Mr. Kindberg will contact Este regarding donations of model kits; additional engine kits may be needed this year. Mr. Hannon and Mr. Lonano will coordinate cross-promotion with Cub Scouts Pack 459.
- Mark O'Gara and Whale's Tail Water Park – the Board received a solicitation from Mr. O'Gara regarding group rates for trips to this water park. The Board will defer this matter to the Lee Public Library.

Conclusion

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30PM to be held at the Public Safety Complex.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.