

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

Attendance: Camellia Knightly, Annette Brown, Larry Kindberg, Michael Vardaro, Matt Glode, Geoff Carlton, Christa Butts, Toni Smith (Lee Resident)

Called to Order at 6:30

No public comments

Treasurer's Report:

As of July 12, \$3728 in revolving account. \$2870.28 after a pending payment to Michael Vardaro for Music in the Park. The other account has not yet been touched.

Old Business:

-Maximum Velocity: at last select board meeting, charged with creating new fee scheduling. Also need to address scheduling conflicts between ORYA and MV. MV needs two days at LRP or Upper Madbury. Geoff presented different field layout options to figure out how to either share the field simultaneously or different days. ORYA has a paid Program Director, a coordinator, and a new intern. Each ground has a group of volunteers to help maintain and upkeep programs. Matt has suggested calling a meeting between MV and ORYA to discuss field scheduling conflicts at Tibbett's Field and LRP. ORYA is stating that they will be using LRP and Tibbett's Field Monday-Friday 5-8pm and all-day Saturday. MV is asking how to share the fields. ORYA is stating that the advisory board needs to meet with MV to discuss changes and field sharing. Larry from Recreation Commission is stating "this is upside down" because we pay ORYA to have exclusive use of the fields, but we have groups trying to use the fields and are willing to pay the Recreation Commission for use of the fields ORYA is stating they support any fee structure that the Recreation Commission creates. Geoff is not asking for exclusivity at LRP, he is asking for two days stating that ORYA has lower enrollment numbers to share the fields. ORYA stated that they have scheduled their field use based on comfortability to give coaches and teams flexibility. ORYA believed that MV would be using only Steven's Field Monday through Friday. MV does plan to use it, but also needs a bigger space. Toni Smith – son plays for MV and has played for ORYA in the past. This is her fourth meeting regarding this issue and is very anxious as the school year is starting and the season is supposed to be starting. She believes that the Rec Commission has no obligation to any organization but to its citizens, she stated that her son aged out of ORYA and now plays for MV. She believes that sports events are huge for the community and is very concerned about the schedule and wants MV to have the field. Larry responded stating residents want choices and would like to look at equitability. ORYA explained that the \$28,000 (roughly) that Lee spends for ORYA that it pays for three full-time staff members to provide sporting teams for Durham, Lee, and Madbury. No staff member is a resident of Lee. Annette believes that ORYA and MV are complimentary programs and shouldn't be viewed as competitors. Larry has asked that ORYA schedule the fields ethically knowing that other groups are hoping to use the fields.

Fee Schedule:

ORYA: feedback - in town, out of town, for-profit, nonprofit, resident, nonresident, etc. rates. Specify how you want to do increments of time, per use is too broad (5 hours at \$35 or 1 hour at \$35) – per hour, per game, etc., per hour is the standard, or per team.

Fees Schedule:

Larry motioned to change the fees as follows. Cammy seconded. Motion passed.

Local Non-Profit -

\$25 per hour for practice

\$20 per half field game

\$35 per full field game

\$25 per hour for the baseball field

Need to discuss potential for a for-profit fee.

Crabgrass is taking over LRP. ORYA has asked landscaper about pesticide – two different types, a mixed in and a spray on. Need to announce to public if there is going to be any pesticide, but ORYA does not want to go down that route. Going to work with landscaper on possible solutions. Continued discussion regarding landscaping and maintenance.

Movies in the Park: Discontinue the series

Music in the Park:

Attendance – it's going pretty well. We need lights and should talk to the Board about lights because we are losing time because it's getting darker earlier. MV would like to do a pickup soccer game during the music free of charge to the residents. Couldn't afford to do it this year because of the fee. The commission members could see no reason not to offer this added community service to the Music in the Park on Thursday evenings. There should be no fees associated with this as it would be run by volunteers.

Annette moves to adjourn at 9pm. Cammy, seconds. Meeting adjourned.