

December 2014 Minutes of Litchfield Parks and Recreation

The December 15th regular meeting of Litchfield Parks and Recreation was called to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance were commission members; Jim Keller, Lisa Bauer, Pam Orde and Ray Schmid.

Approval of Minutes - The November minutes were approved after a motion was made to accept by by Lisa Bauer and seconded by Jim Keller.

Monthly Budget Report – Discussion ensued about the possibility of purchasing a sound system for our concert series, and a portable movie screen. The members expressed a desire to hold a dinner to honor our volunteers over the past 5 years. And the possibility of a new gazebo to be built in conjunction with the borough was talked about. The 10-year plan was also discussed.

Comment from the Public – None

Commissioner’s Request – None

Correspondence – Brent received a letter from Northwest Sporting Goods and Archery in Winsted to see if Litchfield may wish to use their facility for archery lessons. Brent will follow up.

Old Business: Basketball – Brent and Jim both recapped the opening of the season and informed the commission, that all 8 teams have a practice schedule and game schedule as well as team uniforms. Basketball Clinics for the 3rd and 4th graders will start on Jan. 3rd at The Forman School. The registration forms have been distributed in the schools and we have lined up a coach or two.

Jingle Bell Run – Brent said the weather held many people away on race day, but those who showed up for the race were very satisfied. Ray Schmid volunteered at the race and was happy with the race and the over-all feel good feeling all were left with after the race. The maple syrup was a big hit as were all the colorful outfits worn by some of the runners.

Holiday Stroll – Brent updated the event. Hundreds came to the Holiday Stroll and Light Up Night where all events seemed to be hitting on all cylinders. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were their usual big hit at the Union Savings Bank, Boys Scouts handed out hot chocolate, Girl Scouts helped with gingerbread man cookie decorating, Old Fashioned ornaments were made at the Historical Society, and there animals with the arrival of a petting zoo from Commerford & Sons of Goshen, and Rick Bunnell and his horse and buggy rides. The carolers worked their way, slowly, up the green to the highlight of the event, the tree lighting for the season.

New Business: Mohawk Ski – Brent informed the commission that sign-ups were still coming in a month after the deadline and chaperons are in line to help out on the 6 nights of skiing which begin the 2nd Thursday of the New Year!

Director’s Report: The report was accepted as written.

Adjournment: Pam made a motion to adjourn, Ray seconding. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Minutes submitted by J. Brent Hawkins, 12/16/2014

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