

## **North Hampton Recreation Commission Minutes: April 10, 2006**

Members attending: Brenda Worrell, Chair; Diane Wheeler, Director; Sharon Hart, Secretary; Sandy Dewing, Commissioner; Guil Spencer, Commissioner

### **I. Egg Scramble**

- As of above date, North Hampton RSVP's and inquiries are fewer than those from Hampton.
- Next year, Department will look to hold event at school.
- Diane will ask Highway Department to help in clean-up of area.
- Wooden forms from outdoor ice arena will be used to cordon off one area for younger children for egg hunt.
- Sharon and son Walker will help stuff treat bags prior to event.
- Agway donated hay bales for decoration.
- Summer Rec Director will assist Diane on Saturday with festivities.
- Diane's daughter, Kaitlin, will play the Bunny.
- 4000 eggs will be hidden.
- Day hunt will be divided into 2 separate areas: one for the 5 and unders and 1 for the 6's and ups.
- The evening event will be a flashlight tag hunt. Diane will have cooperative games to start out prior to night fall.

### **II. Spring/Summer Programs Update**

- People can register for April vacation activities, clinics and trips by the day. They do not have to register for the entire week's worth.
- Minimum of 10 participants are needed for Rec to run each program.
- Diane will try to get the school softball team to sign up for the baseball/softball clinic.
- Diane distributed updated and corrected Spring & Summer Recreation Brochure. Changes are as follows:
  - Chess=postponed
  - Weird Science= start date changed to 4/13
  - Tennis classes= Participants are required to sign-up at offices. Change to 3 hour sessions w/games on Fridays. Incentive in sign-up costs to families registering multiple children for 3+ weeks of lessons (being explored)
  - Little Nippers Preschool Camp is expected to be HUGE. Three children already registered and Diane says only taking a max of 30. Sam Heath will be Program Coordinator.
  - Coates Hoop Camp= Justin Coggeshell (JV Basketball Coach as well as 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Hampton Academy Coach) will help.
  - Surf lessons= Price may change
  - Scuba Diving= Cancelled
  - Mystery Theatre may not be a Rec Sponsored Program in the future; Department earned approx. \$1000 in the program's recent Scholarship fundraiser.

- Club Underalls= Teen themed activity to be held at Old Town Hall w/club-like atmosphere. Call out to residents for Outdoor Furniture. Chaperoned by Off-duty Police Officers.
- Holo-dek= stay-all-night w/food, games, movie marathon.
- Women's Summer Softball=Friday Nights
- Men's Over 35 Spring Hoop League= cancelled. Summer will run; Co-Ed Dodgeball=cancelled due to lack of interest... waiting list in Portsmouth and very popular in Seabrook. Diane will offer this to kids in Fall. It is the most popular game at Summer Rec.
- Boston Red Sox Trip= sold 10 tickets already.
- Summer Rec Update: Counselor-in-Training (CIT) interviews set for next week. Diane invited Rec Commission members to attend. 5 CIT's will be selected to join the Summer Rec Staff, of the 11 who will interview. Diane will give those not selected the opportunity to join staff as volunteers. Assistant Director interviews are also wrapping up= Al Matthews and Dylan Croston are the two candidates who applied. Liz Kemner will be the new Summer Rec Director. Jan Devore will not be returning in her wearer-of-all-hats, registration manager extraordinaire position.

### **III. Rec Commission Members/Renewal/Letters**

- Guil Spencer will be staying on Commission
- Both Sarah and Seth will depart as Commission members, leaving 2 openings to be filled.
- Diane asked that everyone think about potential candidates. Notices will go out about openings. Bi-laws must be voted in. Diane will write them up for next meeting. Diane is exploring the possibility of inviting 2 non-voting members to join the Commission and is hoping to make those positions available to teens in the community.

### **IV. Tennis Courts Update**

- Diane reviewed Sanborn requested use. Diane will explore alternatives for Sanborn bus parking at Dearborn, which caused problems during previous year baseball/softball times.
- Art Hoffman has also requested usage times for NHS.

### **V. Non-resident Summer Rec Registrations Update**

- Diane is still exploring fee structure, researching like programs in area, as requested by BOS. After May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Summer Rec Program will be open for non-resident registration for the first time. Diane will do a reminder to residents to sign-up prior to this date.

### **VI. Dog Park**

- Topic discussed, with lack of space/location, insurance, need as issues raised.

**VII. Minutes**

- Sharon has been without a working computer but will have notes for this meeting for distribution and voting at next monthly meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Sharon will not be in attendance at this meeting and asked that someone else be appointed to take minutes in her absence. Sharon will add Janet Perkins to distribution list.

**VIII. Parade**

- Sharon will talk with Joe and follow-up over idea for Recreation Department Memorial Day participation.

**IX. Easter Coloring Contest**

- No longer an “official” contest, just a holiday activity

**X. Meeting Time**

- Consensus was to move monthly meeting starts to 6pm

**XI. Trash Cans at Dearborn**

- Diane, Highway Dept., Summer Counselors and Seab Stanton will take turns supervising disposals of chained cans

**XII. Boarder for Playground**

- Highway Dept. will install a wood boarder, marking playground area at Dearborn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Hart, North Hampton Recreation Secretary