

Princeton Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2015

Location: Town Hall Annex

In Attendance: N. Fitzgerald, K. Heman, K. Lyford, S. Shanahan, E. Sweeney

Guest: Collin Shanahan

Collin Shanahan - Eagle Scout Project for a horseshoe (rather than bocce) pit behind Princeton Center. He will gather project information including plans, materials, other possible repairs (picnic tables? benches?) and labor. Eagle Scout projects allow for younger scouts to help. Collin will report back at the next P&R meeting (October 5). He would like to have project completed before Winter. When completed, storage of horseshoe equipment could be in the job box behind baseball field. Post rules? Possible P&R party for dedication of horseshoe pit. Council on Aging gave positive feedback regarding the horseshoes. Bocce court still under consideration, Kevin Heman has plans. Walking track needs to be graded.

Summer Update:

No volunteers came forward for basketball. Fifteen children signed up. Used company to run program at \$65/child.

May start notices soon for volunteers for winter basketball at Ed Harley-Thursdays night league.

Ice cream stand at Krashes Field did not work out. Rota Springs never responded, Mountainside did not express interest. Will contact the woman who ran the stand 2 years ago to see if she is interested. Another option, P&R runs it and hires young adults to staff. Bids out by March.

Summer art program went well.

Soccer and drama camps did not have any children sign up.

Football was well attended.

STEM camp run by TPS and teachers was well attended.

Maintenance:

Vandalism at TPS Snack Shack caused damage to door after vandals used a blowtorch on it.

Sterling and Rutland also reported similar damage to their buildings.

Krashes Field had "nuisance" vandalism-sticks in locks, picnic tables and chairs moved.

Bees were a problem in soccer goals this summer!

Soccer Field 2 needs a net repair, complaints it is sagging. Look at new net attachment system (velcro, clips, tie wraps). Fields 1 and 3 nets are okay.

Softball field drainage still an issue. Highway Department will be contacted.
TPS baseball field is growing in. Will be taken care of in the spring (Gary Farr).

Fall:

After school programs include: art, yoga, sports, sewing, STEM, tennis, Audubon

Fields: Four soccer leagues-FC United, Mass Gunners, FC Bolts, Princeton youth and adult teams. Sundays are booked for games. Between games and practices fields are well utilized.

The Fieldhouse Snack Shack will be open at least on Sundays. Under the P&R umbrella but will be run and stocked by Aaron Knapp.

Financials:

See Director finance sheet. Budget level for revenues and expenditures.

New Business:

Winter Carnival 2016-February 7 (Super Bowl Sunday) with back up date of February 14. Ice rink should be ready, sledding, broom hockey. Possible more community involvement.

Ice rink will not move to basketball court. Need new liner at \$490.

Selectmen want to meet with all committees and members. Will tentatively plan for November meeting.

Question of Lisa Beaupre Garden upkeep (not P&R)

Smith Farm Land discussed.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2015