

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES: September 30, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Busch, Jim Henry, John Sangermano, and Ellen Piccioli

Public: None

Meeting minutes taken by: Laura Greenough

Meeting started at 7:24PM, adjourned at 9:11PM

Update/Discussion on Snow Community Recreational Facility:

- Planning Board held first Public Hearing to get public feedback about new facility.
- Some concerns were parking, noise, and access roads.
- The design firm is working on the issues and they will be address at the next public hearing, which will be on October 7th.
- Sound testing will also be done at Pine Bluff

New Facility and Budget Impact:

- Laura will talk to Mike Clayton from the Highway Department about cutting the grass at all of the fields next year.
- Laura will work with John Sangermano to figure out what the estimated cost would be for maintaining all of the Stow fields for next year.

Basketball Update:

- Registration was held on September 30th.
- Mike gave Ellen an overview of how the program runs.
- Player evaluation night will be held on October 29th.

Ski Program Update:

- Laura gave Ellen an overview of how the ski program runs.
- Ski registration night will be held on November 5th.

Summer Programs Review:

- Laura gave a recap of all summer programs
- The Thundercat programs were a success and people seemed to enjoy them.
- Need to work out the bad weather policies for programs that run at the schools before next year.
- One of the floating rafts disappeared so we may want to replace for next year.

Stow Program Brochures:

- Board discussed ways to reduce the cost of the flier.
- Laura will check with the Town Administrator about advertising in the brochure and if there are any town regulations.
- Laura will look for bids from other printing companies and hopefully find a better price for next year.
- All future brochures will have "Please Recycle" on either the front or back cover.

Snow Fencing at Pompo:

- John suggested we place some snow fencing at Pompo to stop balls from going in the wet areas.
- Board discussed and agreed it was not a major issue or concern. Not many games take place there and practices are usually away from the wet areas.

Well at Memorial Field:

- Laura spoke with Hudson Light and Power to find out the cost for getting power to Memorial for a sprinkler system.
- To go above ground you would need at least 3 poles, which cost \$1000 each. Then you would have to pay for the workers, wiring, and transformer.
- They suggested it maybe more cost efficient to go underground and have the Highway Department dig the trench to lower the cost.
- Jim will see if we should drill the well first or get power to the area before drilling. He will report back to the board next meeting.
- John will check with Conservation to make sure we would not be within 100 feet of the wetlands.

Turf/Field Maintenance:

- Board agreed to apply one more fertilizer treatment to all three fields.
- We will also do a lime treatment as well.
- Laura will call Rob Albright to set up the treatments and let him know that he can do them after November 8th when soccer is over for the season.