

## **REC COM MEETING MINUTES FROM 10-7-10**

Attendees: Paul, Dave, Blythe Robinson, John Johnson, Gary Harper

Meeting started at 7:05 pm in Memorial School teacher's lounge

\*Minutes from September meeting reviewed and Paul made motion to approve, seconded by Dave, passed by majority.

\*Kiwanis Beach Program – John and Gary provided some information to us but about their overall budget as well as their cost to handle the Kiwanis Beach area. They were able to give us some key insight into how the impact of the Kids@Play Program can result in some additional cost to them based on various “use” increases. They were not specifically asking for funding from Rec Com but they wanted to share some of these figures with us so that we all have a better understanding of their business.

\*Carpeting @ Ramsey – Parks Department is planning to do this work once they complete all of their “outside” work and will focus on Ramsey when weather forces them indoors.

\*New Shed @ Kiwanis – Blythe mentioned that this could be the type of expenditure that could go on town meeting agenda if it was decided that a new shed for Parks equipment would allow us to better utilize the entire Ramsey Bldg for town public use.

\*Pavillion at Ramsey – Still lots to be discussed on this and Mary is planning to meet with Con-Com to get their input on size, location, etc. Many more details need to be worked out before this plan can be finalized.

\*Docks for kayaks at Kiwanis – Parks Dept just wanted to express concern over who will have maintenance responsibility for these new docks? They showed us the data indicating that they have \$8k budgeted for beach expenses/year and typically, assuming nice summer weather, they run out of money by the end of July! This year, the total cost to run the beach was \$14.5k.

\*Wet Field Policy – Gary helped us to better understand his strategy behind the Wet Field Policy and all were in agreement that it was fair and easy to communicate to the necessary leagues. Blythe was going to investigate how we can get this posted on the town web site so it would be easily accessible to all.

\*Howard Leland Field Update – Huntress provided references and we are awaiting their updated proposal. Hopefully a hiring decision will be made at the November meeting. Parks Dept wanted us to know that, as currently staffed, they would NOT be able to take maintenance responsibility for a new field as they simply do not have the manpower. Blythe mentioned that there might be way to hire temporary summer help to provide extra hands for this effort.

\*Outdoor Hockey Rink – date will be set at November meeting for setting up the rink and discussion will take place on how it will be maintained/managed this coming winter season.

\*We confirmed our agreement to charge MUYSA \$500 for the use of Memorial Field for the fall based on the fact that they used M-S and “normal” usage fee for that much time would have been in range of \$1200-\$1400. Dave to contact Mike Poe.

\*Cricket request – two gentlemen came to meeting requesting information on possible field locations in town that they could use for cricket matches on the weekends from April – October. Dave to provide them with a list of fields in town and they will get back to us if there are any that meet their criteria.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm and next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4th, at 8:00 pm in Memorial School conference room.