

## **REC COM MEETING MINUTES FROM 6/7/12**

Attendees: Paul, Rich, Rick, Mary

Meeting started at 7:12 in Ramsey Building

\*Rec Com welcomed new member Rick Lacross to his first meeting!

\*Rich made a motion to accept minutes from May meeting. Seconded by Paul, approved unanimously.

\*Mary requested the purchase of a freezer for the Ramsey building for storing of ice cream during the Kids@Play program. All agreed we could use this and she is going to try Wal-Mart and use the Rec Com card for the purchase.

\*Pavilion – Paul is going to bring this topic up at the CPC Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, to see whether or not CPA funding would be applicable, based on recent change in law on what is/is not covered. Looking at approximately \$12k in total to construct the pavilion and, once we find out about CPA, Mary will proceed accordingly.

\*Time Clock – Rich has purchased the Biometric system which Mary now has and will investigate setting up, use instructions, etc.

\*DPW – New Manager, Andy, is now on board and Rich/Blythe have a meeting scheduled with him for this month. Once they meet, we will likely have him meet with full Rec Com as we continue to tweak the wet field policy, etc.

\*Leland Field Update – there continues to be some unresolved issues with drainage on the newly updated field. This is NOT a good thing and Blythe is working with Huntress, Bowditch and Parks Dept on what needs to be done to get this right and approved! Final retainer payment continues to be held until a resolution is reached that the town is comfortable with. Could potentially delay the opening of the field if this is not fixed within next several weeks.

\*Field Sub-Committee –Rich confirmed that only Sherry, Rick Porter, Susan G and Mike P have signed on to do WORK on the PARC grant and other next steps involved with securing more field space. This is very disappointing, as many of the original Sub-Committee members have been very quiet of late. New volunteers are being sought and we all agreed that we need to get workers involved who will put in the necessary time required to get this moving forward. Town (Blythe) has submitted a RFP for other properties in town that might be available and deadline for interested sellers is the end of June. PARC Grant must be submitted by July 10<sup>th</sup> and we are seriously behind in getting this submitted!

\*Summer Basketball – Al Jordan has stepped down from running the Men's Open league and we will be looking for someone new to take that over in the fall. In the meantime, Summer league has moved to Mendon and we will only have Chaos using the Memorial courts this coming summer.

\*Concert @ Kiwanis – all set for Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and there will be announcements in coming Town Crier editions prior to the concert.

\*Usage Requests – we have several for summer/fall that we cannot answer until we have better definition on what fields are being taken off-line by Parks Dept for maintenance. Rich hoping to get that cleared up with his meeting with DPW Manager this week. Composite Solutions requested the Kiwanis Beach area for a work function on a weekend and we all agreed we cannot reserve the beach area for private parties during the summer months!

\*Rec Com Web site – Tim is going to work with Mary on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>, to clear up any issues/confusion regarding the new site for handling all Kids@Play registrations. Registrations are coming in fast and looks like we will have another great year of attendance this summer!

\*Scholarship Requests – in 2011 we gave away \$1295 in Kids@Play scholarships and we are approaching that number so far for 2012. New request for an Upton resident that applied. Also, Nancy Duggan, school guidance counselor, is looking to see if a couple of special needs students can attend this summer. Mary is going to contact Nancy and get more details.

\*Eagle Scout project – Mary was contacted by a scout who wants to put in a skate park as part of his project. Rec Com agreed that we cannot participate in this due to insurance liability issues as well as not having appropriate space in town for this project. We will respectfully pass on this offer.

\*Memorial School Field Day – all set for 4<sup>th</sup> grade field day at Kiwanis on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>. Rick will be present and helping with the program and Rec Com is providing buses for all of the kids. Agreed to pass on having ice cream as the kids will be returning to Memorial for ice cream sundaes after leaving Kiwanis.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, in Ramsey Building at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm