

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2014

Attendees: Rich Gazoorian, Paul Pirozzi, Mary Cortese

Meeting started at 6:40 pm in Memorial School conference room

- Approved Minutes from February meeting
- Financials: Mary presented overview for all current programs and all are making profit, although we are going to be canceling Zumba after March 15th, due to low attendance.
- Mary's hours look to be in good shape as we go in to final quarter of fiscal year and Rich confirmed that she will be getting a 2.5% raise from the Town.
- We will be adding BVT Recreation Nights to our program sheet as well as the Elderly Concert Series planned for this summer at Kiwanis Beach.
- CPA Meeting – On March 5th, Rec Com presented request to CPC for funding of \$117k to support several initiatives outlined in detail. These projects include new Kiwanis field parking lot, shed for Memorial Field, security/lighting at Kiwanis, and complete renovations of both the tennis courts and the basketball court at Kiwanis. CPC voted to approve this request and a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Wed, April 2nd. If approved at that meeting, we will be on warrant request for May Town Meeting.
- Blackstone Valley Greenway Challenge – Mary is meeting with the organizers on March 7th to review & discuss the Kiwanis/VFW site as potential starting line.
- Kiwanis Beach – still targeting opening the beach on Memorial Day Weekend this year and Mary will be looking for gatekeepers and lifeguards to cover the weekends between MD and the “usual” opening in June.
- Kids@Play – Approved hiring of Ken Horan (\$17/hr), Scott Glassman (\$17.50/hr), Steve DellaRovere (\$17.50/hr) as returning Directors for the Program as well as Jess Cellana (\$14/hr) who will become a new Director this year after working past several years as junior director. Applications for counselors, gatekeepers, guards, etc is March 23rd and Mary plans to conduct interviews during the last week of March/first week of April.
- Ramsey Pavilion – almost done!! Roof is up and final work being completed
- Christine Corey – volleyball instructor & coordinator has continued to run a very successful youth and adult program at Nipmuc. Rec Com approved raising her pay to \$37/hour.
- Summer Theater Program – Jen Nicoll will be running a two week program in July & August as well as a four day program over April vacation week. Both programs were approved and registration rates were set at \$60/child for the April program.
- Kids@Play – Rec Com approved purchase of a Tablet to be used this summer as we need the flexibility of using “mobile” both on the premises and during the evening.

- Dave Antonelli – has been hired to again provide coverage for special needs kids that wish to participate in Kids@Play this summer. He will be paid \$15/hr for his part-time services.
- Memorial PTO – Katrina Lupin requested some raffle prizes for their fundraiser and Rec Com approved 3 vouchers valued at \$45 off any Rec Com program as well as a Healthy Hopper Pass valued at \$100.00

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 and next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, at Ramsey Building