

New Ipswich Parks and Rec Minutes

Meeting February 24, 2016 7 pm

Attendance- Mindy Buxton, Jen Gould, Jen Gregg

-Follow up on Father Daughter Dance. Unfortunately we had to replace all decorations. I also purchased a stereo system instead of having to borrow one for each dance. A total cost of \$322.19 (price also includes decorations for mother son dance which also needed to be replaced). We had a full house with lots of dancing and laughter. I had great volunteers. Lyla Buxton, Ava Lunn, Abby Lorden, and Tina McCabe. With their help we were able to bring in a total of \$559.00. This year we did our own pictures and sold some fun items for the girls to buy. We also had a free raffle all the girls entered. Overall it was a successful night. Of course I found things that need improving and will be implemented at our next dance.

-Received an email from Gary Somero letting us know the alarms at the Boynton Middle School were set off five times the weekend of February 13-14. I spoke with Chief Carpenter and he informed me they were set off three times on Sunday. The Robotics club apparently has been upstairs and we were not informed. This seems to be resolved. Robotics left a note on the alarm last weekend. Now that we know they are in the building we will be more aware of setting the alarm.

-Jen Gould came in to present all that she has been working on for our new soccer program. I have asked Jen to step in and head our rec soccer program. She will receive a stipend which was approved by the selectmen pending a background check.

We tried to get in as many items on her agenda as possible but we really focused on the most time sensitive topics.

We are in need of every piece of equipment. We have been working with Mascenic and Boynton sports directors. Boynton will receive goals from Mascenic and this will cover the middle school soccer program as well as our u12 program.

We will be reaching out to various businesses to see if we can get some items donated as well as look into grants for new programs.

Jen has provided me with a list of goal sizes and items per team in which I will begin pricing and purchasing.

I spoke with Ed Rogers and he has generously agreed to assist us in prepping our fields as he has in years past.

We agree that the best thing for our towns program is to join the NHSA. This will cover the children during travel games for insurance purposes as well as provide assistance with training.

We also have agreed to join Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League for our travel teams. This is a Massachusetts program with a great opportunity for our kids to play a huge variety of teams at similar level of play. As many know it is very difficult to find teams to play in our area of NH. NVYSL offers over 33 towns and some of these towns have multiply teams at each age level giving us more than enough opportunity for games. Towns such as Townsend, Pepperell, and Leominster are just a few that are in this league and in just 10-20 minutes away. With paying league fees they also pay for all referees and do all the scheduling of games. We plan on u12 travel as well as u10 travel. U10 is new to travel but we will be able to have girls and boys teams again and as I have said we will be able to play multiple teams. All games will be scheduled on Saturdays. This gives some of our older kids a chance to play on both Rec and school teams. If we find a need we will add a u14 team to accommodate this.

We are looking for a few good people to become certified referees. I will have one adult certified and to oversee and schedule the refs for games and this persons certification will be paid for by rec. The other refs will be responsible for their own training fees. Anyone interested can contact me. All our referees will be paid per game by NVYSL. This is a great opportunity for high school age or older to earn some money on Saturdays. This is a national certification.

All coaches for travel will be E certified. This is \$25 fee that Rec will reimburse. This is a national certification.

All coaches that have not been background checked through Rec Basketball will also need that as well. It is a \$10 fee that the town reimburses after the check comes back clean. (This is mandatory).

We have always been open to include Greenville residents in all of our programs and this year we will of course continue that. Also Mason and Temple if there is interest.

We have lots more to discuss on this matter over the next few months. But all in all we are off to a great start!

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 23, 2016 at 7pm

As of now the areas we are looking for volunteers are:

- Easter event
- Autumn Fest
- Summer Fest (new)
- Winter toy drive (new)
- Movie Night (new)
- Adult programs (new need ideas and coordinators)
- Youth Soccer Program