

New Ipswich Parks and Rec Minutes

August 24, 2016 7pm

In Attendance: Mindy Buxton, Nichole Talbot, Shawna Kutyla, Jacquelyn O'Conner

-Repairs- Holes in storage building, bleachers at upper field, move benches to playground, Skate park painted, sweep out dugouts, landscape around flag poles, paint benches, install edges in playground by walkway to prevent sand run off, install bottom bars on some fencing throughout the Memorial field, waiting on installation of fencing on Babe Ruth field.

-Walking/ Hiking trail updates- Walking and hiking trails have been written up nicely by Jacquelyn. She has ranked them on ease and gave directions to get to each one. Thank you Jacquelyn! Mindy will be posting these onto the town website.

We also discussed doing events during the fall and winter months. She was going to speak with Al Jenks from Windblown about doing group trips.

Schedule an outdoor activity every month to get people out in the local spots.

Mindy was going to touch base with Conservation to see who takes care of the trail maintenance. If no one, maybe set up some volunteers. Similar to the riding trails with snowmobiles

-Summer program needs to be revamped. Shawna and Nichole will be looking into how to improve the program for next year. We were able to save money due to weather and still have just over \$600 in revolving account.

-Autumn Festival- Nichole is beginning to organize this event. She has started collecting vendor forms and also selecting food for the day. She has reached out to vendors in past events as well as posted on FB.

Nichole would like to bring Hay Ride back.

maybe do a scarecrow contest with prizes for various age ranges.

- Movie nights have raised over \$360! We are able to purchase a new fryer and grill for the café pending BOS approval.

-Soccer- We have all the equipment needed and we also have the fields ready to go. A big thank you to the Talbots for getting all the field work done and Shawna Kutyla for doing such a great job organizing and coordinating!

-Final soccer sign ups have been done and schedules and games are being set. Schedules will be posted ASAP.

-Soccer camp follow up- was a great success. We had a fair turn out and are set up to do it again next year!

-Basketball camp follow up- The camp had a lower turn out than we expected so we changed the hours to evening and cut the rate back to \$45pp. This seemed to work well and we were able to pick up a few more children. I think if we are to try this again next year we will give more notice as well as keep at evenings.

-Cheer Camp was very successful with over 25 girl's grades 1-4 signed up. We have been approved for a winter season starting this November! We will reach out to the girls who participated as well as send home flyers with the children through HHES.

-Update on the basketball courts- Shawn Talbot put some crushed stone down around the poles to raise the sand levels so the kids won't roll their ankles. Mindy has purchased pole covers to test out how they work down there. They will be installed ASAP.

Next Meeting September 28, 2016 at 7pm Town Office

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

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