

Minutes for New Ipswich Parks and Rec

October 26, 2016 7pm

In attendance- Mindy Buxton, Nichole Talbot, Shawn Talbot, John Cocozella, Doug Nichols

- Doug and John came in at my request to discuss a few ideas for next year. NIPR was hoping to try a spring soccer program and we are going to work with Bordertown Baseball on field use at Babe Ruth field. Doug brought up the issue of taking away from baseball by implementing another sport during a traditionally baseball season. To try and prevent that from being an issue NIPR will be offering a discounted price for children playing in both sports. Price is still to be discussed but soccer would be in the range of \$35 per child and for children playing both, \$20. This will be discussed further next year. We discussed reinstalling the batting cage at upper field. Baseball has agreed to assist in costs in reinstalling this necessary equipment. Mindy will look up prices for netting and fencing posts. NIPR will not be putting potties on Smithville this year. Baseball said they would if they decided to use it. The progress on the new dugout is going well and we've heard lots of compliments on its progress. Baseball will be keeping the wood natural and I think it will look great!! Mindy also asked since Baseball if they would help in a Spring Rec fundraiser. Baseball has full use of the café, homerun derby as well as the chicken bbq and the rec department does not want to interrupt those great fundraisers so we only ask if the baseball program will help sell calendars for our softball program. Doug and John said they would discuss it further with their board and get back to Mindy.

- Autumn Festival was a great success bringing in over \$1,700. Nichole did a great job organizing this event and we are thankful for her hard work. Some ideas for next year- bring in more rides/ bounce houses etc. this year's obstacle course was a huge success. We need to have the food cooking started earlier to keep up with demand better. We got behind pretty quickly once lunch time started. Looking in to a horse drawn hay ride through Babe Ruth field. The liability insurance could fall on the organization. Hopefully we will get Villa Pony back with pony rides as well. Also move the photo booth location.

- Nichole is finishing up the café cleanup and should have it all done by next week. Extra drinks will be donated to Mascenic cheerleaders to sell at Rec Basketball games.

- Soccer has been going very well. Shawn has made arrangements for our u12 to begin playoffs in Wilton this weekend and will continue in to November 5th. I've also asked for all contact information for referees as well as town contacts for our files. This will help with keep our files updated and make things smooth for next year. Also something being tried is a U10 Invitational. This will be held this Saturday. Next year it will be run a bit differently but for a first year we are excited for the children to try this. Another suggestion Shawn had was a winter 16 week indoor soccer team. He will look into prices but it would start with one or two teams and would be held at the Hampshire Hills Dome. We were invited by another program to run. Only 11 children per team.

- Basketball is beginning sign ups this week and they will run through November. We have joined a new league, Manchester Suburban League, for our 7-8 grade levels as well as our 5-6 grade girls teams. 5-6 grade boys will stay in the Silver Valley League. We are also trying a new program, grades 3-4 boys travel league. This is a tryout based team that will also play in the Manchester Suburban League this season. Costs for the teams in MSL are \$75 and the local grades k-4 and boys grades 5-6 are \$50.

- Basketball, Cheer and Karate signups will all be held at the same time for convenience. All programs are run so children can join multiple programs and not have conflicts.
- Adult Newport Mansion Holiday Tour including bus. This tour will include bus costs, light appetizers and drinks on the ride to and from the Mansions as well as tickets for two Mansion tours. The cost of this event per person is \$50. We have only 25 spots but would need to fill all spots to afford this event. We will be using adult rec monies to bring the price down to \$50pp. The trip is 2hrs and 15min each way and the tours are about 2hrs and 30min total.
- Bordertown Softball has been approved to be overseen by NIPR. Over the next few months Bordertown board will transfer equipment and funds to NI Parks and Recreation. The selectmen have approved a \$750 stipend to pay for a coordinator to run the program. This money will come out of Softball raised money only.
- Repairs at the field are coming along. We still need skate park painted, weed and plant removal and some benches to be repainted as well. We need new caps on the field for the bases. Also talk of building a potty on the field so we would just need a company to pump it and not have to deal with rentals. Mindy will look into costs.
- Paperwork for Pool and Parks and Recreation will be organized and turned in by November 7 with budget meeting on November 14. Some topics that have come up are better and possibly larger potties at the field as well as extended hours for the pool.
- Shawn and Nichole will be setting up a Volunteer Appreciation Night. November 4th at the Greenville Legion. This a 21+ comedy show with fun door prizes and a heads or tails lottery raffle starting at 7pm, doors open at 6:30. Appetizers will be served, it is a cash bar. This is free but seating is limited so contact Shawn Talbot ASAP to reserve a spot. 603-715-0151.
- NIPR is still selling raffle tickets to win a 9' kayak. Tickets are \$10 each and will be selling them until after Thanksgiving. All proceeds will go towards the sand replacement on the Memorial Field volleyball court. Tickets are available at program sign ups as well as our Volunteer Appreciation Comedy Show.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 25, 2017

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS AND WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

As always sign up forms for upcoming programs can be found on the town website.

www.townofnewipswich.org

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

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