

Rec Dept. Meeting

Wednesday January 27, 2016 7pm

In Attendance: Mindy Buxton (Director), John Cocozella, Nichole and Shawn Talbot

-Our basketball program is running great. Kelly is doing a great job. Clix Photography was so well organized and easy to work with on picture day even with the bad weather. They are a fundraiser photography company so we ended up with a great experience and \$170 raised to put back into our programs!! I look forward to using them again this fall with our Rec Soccer Program.

We may be switching leagues for 5/6 graders next year. The current leagues are unorganized and are not responding to any emails I have sent nor have they collected rosters or fees. The 7/8 grade girls program seems to be going well. They have done away with an organized league and the coaches from each town have been working together to organize their games scheduling including playoffs. I like this idea and if the other coaches from other towns are willing to do this I think we could continue the 5/6 grade programs in the same manor with the existing towns. Otherwise it might be best to go to larger leagues that offer more teams to play.

-Bordertown Baseball representative, John Cocozella, came down to discuss the possibility of building storage and announcers booth to an existing dug out on lower field. He left rough plans so we have an idea of the size and what the structure will look like. We discussed and he acknowledged that this building would be town property and that Bordertown Baseball would still take responsibility for up keep and maintenance on the new structure. I think the next step would be to discuss this with the Selectmen. John mentioned they would like this build to start as soon as the snow melts.

-The Rec Dept is looking into and collecting ideas on possibly building a pavilion at Memorial Field. I will be working on a proposal to present my ideas to the Selectmen in order to start collecting bids and compile a budget. So far we have discussed doing a memorial walk with engraved brick pavers or a plaque placed in the pavilion for families wanting to remember residents who have passed or companies interested in donating funds to help build the pavilion. We are thinking of adding storage or an indoor area on the back end of the pavilion. Also I would like to have a large fire pit added to the pavilion area for chicken BBQ fundraisers and bon fires.

-Still no one interested in running the dances so I will continue to do so. We have not received approval for our dates do to some insurance issues, so I will be changing the dates to the 20th and 27th of February for our Father Daughter dance pending approval with SAU. We needed to spend extra funds on new decorations.

Our old decorations were Girl Scout property and they were returned to them. We will still have pictures, fun items for the girls to purchase and of course music! We charge \$10 a couple and we waive that fee for anyone donating food or drinks for the event. Flyers will go out next week to HHES and posted on the Facebook page.

-The adult volleyball league is going very well. We have about 50% town residents attending each week, give or take. We opted to pay the fee to SAU due to out of town players being the majority that come to play. We charge \$3 per person each week and have between 8-15 players on Sunday mornings. We have already collected enough money to cover the cost to use the facility. We have another two months of Volleyball so we discussed maybe purchasing something for the Boynton Volleyball program. I will reach out to the coach.

-A great idea for summer event was to do a Summer Fling. It would be held at the end of June and we would kick the day off with a 5k (as suggested by the Talbots). Afterwards I was thinking of hosting an old fashion field day! I thought it would be fun to have music and food and later that night after family swim at the town pool we could kick off our first summer movie night with a great family movie. Pending approval of course and pending help from volunteers. It will not be a simple day to set up and organize.

-Movie Night! I am very excited to announce we will be hosting movie night at Memorial Field this summer. We are hoping to get approval to have family movies maybe after family swim on Saturday evenings. And possibly some older classics on Sunday evenings. We would like to open the café and offer popcorn, candy, and drinks as well.

-We are looking for volunteers/ coordinators to join our sub committees. We are planning on having committees for each event or program the rec dept hosts/ runs to keep the work light and keep the ideas flowing. If you are interested in joining please send me an email or attend the meeting Wed.

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

- Dances (mother/ son and father/ daughter)
- Easter event
- Autumn Fest
- Summer Fest (new)
- Winter toy drive (new)
- Movie Night (new)
- Adult programs (new need ideas and coordinators)

Next Rec Dept meeting will be held February 24, 2016 at 7pm at the Town Office.

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