

Rec Dept. Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 21, 2015 7pm

In attendance- Mindy Buxton, Shawn Talbot, Nichole Talbot, Kelly Vallaincourt

Reviewed autumn festival- *see below

Basketball courts will now be sealed in May 2016 due to cold temperatures. The money reserved from the Capital Reserve Fund for this project will still be available to complete this project next year.

New Cameras being installed at Memorial Field are going to be completed on Thursday October 22, 2015 by Monadnock Security. This project was completed under budget.

We discussed the updates on the Basketball program. Minutes already added to www.townofnewipswich.org

Mindy spoke with Edward Rogers regarding the chess program. He intends to start back up in the Spring. He will be changing the day, but otherwise the program will be run the same.

Mindy sent an email to Candy regarding an after school dance program at Highbridge for the elementary age group and also an exercise program for adults. Liz Walton was also interested in assisting and running an exercise program. Mindy will contact both women and see if they can organize a program.

In discussing future events and programs Mindy will look into possibly purchasing a camera and printer to use instead of outsourcing our pictures.

In reviewing an email that went out from AYSO soccer program regarding Porta Potties on Memorial Field the Rec Dept would like to refer to our meeting minutes of August 26. AYSO was well aware of the removal timeline and the Rec Dept gave them ample notice of the removal that was decided by New Ipswich PD as well as the Porta Potty Company because of Halloween weekend. They still have full access to the fields per their field usage papers. Mindy tried to get usage of the bath house for October 31 but the building is closed for the season. Mindy also contacted the Porta Potty company and arranged for them to change their pick up date to October 30. AYSO agreed to pay the fee of \$90 via email correspondence with Ladonna Howard to extend the extension on the fields.

Because of the holidays we won't be having a Rec meeting unless it is requested until January.

Next Rec Meeting January 27, 2016 7pm

8th Annual Autumn Festival

October 3, 2015

We had around 26 vendors including Vila Poni Farm Pony rides and Boynton 8th graders annual cow pie bingo.

Total cost for supplies:	\$341
Total cost for non-profit ticket payout:	<u>\$326</u>
Total expenses	\$667
Total ticket monies collected	\$414.50
Total vendor monies day of	\$ 40.00
Total vendor monies collected prior	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total monies collected	\$564.50
Total event at a loss of	\$ 102.50

We were supposed to have changed the vendor price to \$15, but by the time Deb and I noticed it the forms had already been sent out and we had already received a few returned. It seemed unfair to change it so late in the process.

*We do not charge non-profit vendors (Boy Scouts, Bordertown Baseball etc)

Mike Ordway handle the music and he chose two great bands (Phileep and Bradley Copper Kettle Band). The money to pay the performers was from the Stearns Burton Lecture Fund. For a total of \$500.

Because I was handed this event in such a short period of time I was concerned we wouldn't have enough games or vendors so I ended up spending a bit more on creating new games.

-Pie Throwing Game. My father, Dennis Buckley, painted up a 4'x4' pumpkin with a giant mouth cut out. The kids threw pie pans filled with whipped cream.

-The painting only cost what the paint cost. My husband donated the ply wood and my father donated his time. This is a reusable game so it was a onetime cost of \$22.72

-I had purchased reusable clothes for this as well to keep the board cleaned up. This was also a onetime cost.

-The whipped cream I found a better price, unfortunately after, at a different store by almost a dollar per can. So next year the cost will be less than \$34.97.

-We used disposable pans this year due to the short notice I couldn't find inexpensive pans. I do plan on keeping my eyes open for free or inexpensive reusable ones for next year so this won't be a recurring cost as well.

-overall the game was successful and the kids seemed to enjoy it. I will have a few changes for it next year but overall it will be the same game. NHS ran this game and donated the tickets back to rec.

The Great Pumpkin Walk- originally we had intended on drawing and decorating mini pumpkins I had purchased from Wilkins Farm stand. Unfortunately it conflicted with Mason Brook Nursery's pumpkin painting station so we made a new game.

-We set a station up for the kids to walk through a cone obstacle course with the pumpkin on their head. If they made it back they got to keep the pumpkin and all the kids got a candy treat that participated. It was very popular!

-We will be adding to this game next year as well to make it a bit more exciting for the kids.

The bouncy wall climb- Baseball had brought in their own bounce house so Nichole and Shawn Talbot found a great place in Keene so we rented a wall climbing blow up. We will use that company again next year but I think maybe something a bit more exciting!!

Annette with Nennies ran the all- star café for the food. She served burgers, dogs, sausages, chowder and much more.

Some Bumps

We had rented an apple press from Angelika Weber and her family. They stayed up late the night before repairing and cleaning it for us. Unfortunately I had made arrangements with Ben Cargill the week before to purchase apples from him. I had followed up a few times with him and he was all set including the night before. Saturday morning I could not contact him. Him nor his wife answered their phones or text messages. I had a friend go by the house to see if the apples were there but they were not. We had turned down other apples due to the fact that I had given my word on purchasing apples from Ben Cargill and didn't want to go back on it. So in turn we were not prepared for the press. A good friend managed to get a donation from Washburn Farm but it was too late to get the Weber family back to the field. They were planning having the children at the fair press the apples then make warm cider to sell. The money they raised was to be donated to the Food Pantry in Greenville. That was very disappointing. To date I have not heard back from Ben or his wife regarding blowing off this commitment. My suggestion would be for Ben Cargill to make a donation in Angelika Weber's name to the food pantry.

The Fanelli's were unable to bring the Fun House this year due to a family emergency.

The Fire Department was supposed to set up for safety week and have a truck on the field but they also did not come. The Bon Fire was cancelled due to the wind.

Over all we had a good day and Shawn and I already have some great ideas and some changes for next year. I have printed and sent out thank you letter to all vendors and volunteers.