

New Boston Recreation Commission

Subject: Commissioners' Meeting
Date: May 4, 2010
Location: White Buildings

Attendees:

Commissioners: Lee Brown, Kim Borges, Ken Hamel, David Hulick, Jen Martin

Staff: Mike Sindoni, Mary Barone

Guests: none

* = *excused*

1. Ryan Hicks donation. What should the funds be used for? Add something to the memorial park at the ball fields. Do something in memory of Ryan as well as Sara Moody, and Meredith Gibbons? Use the park to remember New Boston kids who die. Kim suggested planting some trees along the 3rd baseline to shade the bleachers. Lee will investigate this idea.
2. Community cookout on June 25. Noel Sagna wants to organize a concert by kids on the same evening. There was discussion about the fact that this would draw people from other towns and it would detract from the ball field event. On the other hand, this could be an opportunity to pull in some teens. In the end, the consensus was that the concert was worth a try. The cookout will be at 5:30, waffle ball at 6:30 and softball at 8:00. Let the music set up at 7:00 and the concert can run from 7:30 to 9:00. Send a note to neighbors letting them know about the event. Ask Noel to present a formal proposal before giving him the final go-ahead.
3. Scholarship awards. 10-12 applications received. Do we want to change the evaluation criteria? Academic = 1.20. Community service = 1.20. Affiliation with NB Rec = 1.0. Work experience = 0.8. Essay = 0.8. Use of the criteria is optional. The school needs the decision by June 1. Lee will distribute copies.
4. Landscaping & maintenance. Supporting other departments. They provide budget money for Rec to take care of their facilities. Two half-time people are under consideration. Mary should record the activity using classes in Quickbooks. The accounting system will be used for the town to allocate funds from other department budgets to pay the expenses.
5. Program updates. The summer flyer has been distributed.
 - a. Summer camp. Registrations have started. The numbers look good so far. Mike will be interviewing counselors for 2-3 positions.
 - b. Spring – summer programs. Women’s and men’s basketball are going well. Karate has not been so popular. The program will be tried again in the fall. Jim Peacock from Mont Vernon has been the instructor. Getting program evaluations is important in order to understand why a program is popular or not. What level of programming is supportable? How many different programs can the staff support? Consider dropping a program before adding a new one. Mary proposed a program fair in the fall. Invite instructors to participate. Have it coincide with the school open house at the beginning of the school year. The commissioners liked the idea.
 - c. Basketball uniforms will be required by fall.
 - d. Babysitting classes have been scheduled for 6th graders.
 - e. Golf lessons, the casino trip, and NH walk week (Louise Robie) are being set up.
 - f. Summer concert series starts on Father’s Day. 3 of the 5 bands are from New Boston. The Church will have the Strawberry Festival on June 20.
 - g. First Aid training will be opened to the public.
6. Facebook. Should NBRec be on Facebook? Most other rec departments in NH are apparently doing so. Jeff King, the Peterborough rec director recommends it. This is a good way especially to reach teenagers. Mary will distribute a list of town rec departments on facebook for the commissioners to

look at. Check out the New Boston group that is already out there. Lee wants to know the benefits that it will bring to offset the time investment required. Can Facebook promote on-line program registration? Reconsider at a future meeting.

7. Facility cameras. The Old Coach field was slightly vandalized last week. There is a town-wide program to install cameras (other departments). Set up one master program. Ron Robinson of New Boston set this up for Derry. Derry put in 96 cameras for \$80,000. It can be installed incrementally. The commissioners like the idea.
8. Revolving account. Kim will meet with the auditors tomorrow to review the account. The timing of the report is not clear. We don't know if their report is for 2009 or for a period of more than 1 year.
9. Follow up.
 - a. Assistant director job description. Lee will distribute the final, edited version.
 - b. Logo. The commissioners agreed on the simplified version with the gazebo surrounded by "New Boston Recreation". Lee will check with Steve Peach about the gazebo graphic.
 - c. Mission statement. Lee will attach it to the job description for review.
10. The Old Engine House (former Historic Society). The work plan has been submitted. There will be a department head meeting tomorrow to review the floor plan. It is expected that the tax collector will be located there along with the recreation department. There will be a conference area as well as offices. A 1-2 year conversion plan is expected. There is also a proposal to connect the Old Engine House to the Town Hall within 5 years. The Whipple Library is now empty. The Historic Society is planning some changes to accommodate special requirements. They will begin to move over the summer.
11. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00pm in the white buildings.

David Hulick, Secretary