

Shelburne Recreation Committee
***Draft* Minutes**
Monday, Sept. 17 6:00 PM

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Susan McLellan, Kelli Magnier, Renee Davitt, Kathie Pudvar, Lynn Ann Prom, Ann Clark

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: none

Called to order at 6:07 p.m.

The Minutes from Aug. 13 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Kelli and seconded by Kathie to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: none

Directors Report: (See written report below):

- Betsy gave verbal update on Dog Park. The wetland delineation at Bay Park is complete and there is a small area to the west of the parking lot access road that would be available for this purpose out of the 50' buffer zone. Dog Park Committee met last Monday and voted that the Bay Park area is too small, and they want to try to keep Dog Park in current location by meeting the State's requirements. They would need to decommission the water line, remove the gravel and stone added near the entry, remove the benches and shed, etc.
- Discussion led to dog poop issue on Mooring Trail at Bay Park. Its frustrating how many people leave bags on the trail and difficult to manage. The dog poop trash was previously removed from there because boaters would constantly overfill the bin with boat trash.
- Beach House Project will be requested to put in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget.

Review of Fireworks and Concert Events:

- Budget review showed revenue at \$11,205 and expenses at \$9,408 for a profit of approximately \$1,800. Not our best year, but doing ok. Profits are used to supplement our other community special events throughout the year. We are very dependent on Peggy for fundraising sponsors and her work at the barrel during the events. The gross sales from concessions that night was only a little over \$300, including glow sticks. Very little profit from our concessions.
- Betsy commented that she was pleased with the volunteers at the event and that it felt like a true community effort.
- Organization was good.
- Not many Shelburne people attended. Discussion held on whether or not having it on a Saturday affected attendance because people are busy and it was too late in the summer. Many on vacation.
- Some discussion on whether to pursue the Shelburne Museum instead as the site, but we decided to stay with our current gracious host and try to change the layout

and timing to make improvements. It's a good opportunity for VT Teddy Bear to get involved in the community.

- Fireworks were a little short, but they were good. May need to increase fireworks budget.

- Betsy thanked those that came back on Sunday to help clean up.

- Having the Vermont Teddy Bear mascot come out and dance, interact with the kids was a really nice addition.

- Traffic exited well and the number of parking volunteers worked well.

- Suggestion was made that there was enough business to support 2 ice cream trucks at the event.

- Betsy will meet with Teddy Bear to get their input and feedback.

- Renee commented that more flashlights were needed for parking attendants.

- Next year we need to organize earlier and plan around museum concerts and Shelburne Farms concerts.

- A Rotarian suggested to Sue that they may be willing to build a stage (Bill Deming).

- Betsy commented that the 20% of net sales was too high to ask from the food trucks. She received negative feedback from several. Kathie suggested to charge a fee to attend and Betsy agreed other events collect as flat fee.

CBC Report to the Selectboard – While we expected to make our annual report in October, we found out that the format has changed this year and there is not currently a schedule for CBC's to report to the Selectboard. It is expected that the new format will be all CBC's to report at the same meeting at a future date, instead of one at a time spread out through the year, but likely not until a permanent new Town Manager has been named.

Other Business:

- Betsy reviewed the important dates and deadlines for the upcoming budget process. Each department must submit proposed budget along with +3/0/-3 narrative by Oct. 23rd. Contact Betsy with any budget or project ideas and suggestions within the next couple of weeks. Department presentations to the Selectboard will be on Dec. 13.

- Committee shirt order was passed around for event staff.

- The Committee received an application for a student to join. Discussion was held on what the process for students is and what qualities the Committee is looking for from student applicants. It was decided that the Committee will invite applications from students and get the word out with a deadline of mid-October, so any applications can be discussed at the Oct. 22nd meeting. A recommendation would then be made to the Selectboard. Betsy will put out the word on FPF, Shelburne News, town website and local High Schools. Desired attributes of student member would be: interest and ability in recruiting student volunteers for events, interest and ability to help promote programs and events, attend and actively participate in meetings and special events, good communication skills and ability to work with others.

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22.

Kelli made a motion to adjourn. Lynn Ann seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Director's Report

Fall Program Update:

Preschool Soccer (GPS Juniors) - 34
Kindergarten Soccer (Mini-Mites) - 44
Tennis Lessons - 7
Tai Chi - 29
Young Rembrandts - 16
Men's Basketball – 30
Adult Volleyball – 8
Table Tennis – 5 (currently)
Yoga – 4

Important upcoming dates in Oct.:

Sat., Oct. 13 – Newberry Cup
Mon., Oct. 22 – Next Recreation meeting
Fri., Oct. 26 – Halloween Setup
Sun., Oct. 28 – Halloween Event