

Shelburne Recreation Committee
***Draft* Minutes**
Monday, Nov. 26 6:00 PM

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Kelli Magnier, Bruce Whitbeck, Kathie Pudvar, Lynn Ann Prom, Marv Thomas

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: Jackson Konowitz, Mia Brumsted, Garrett Gruending

Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Minutes from the Oct. 22 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved

Public Comments: none

Introduce Student Reps: The students present introduced themselves and talked for a few minutes each about their experience, background, why they are interested in volunteering on the Recreation Committee, and how it will benefit the Committee. Discussion also included what the role of the Committee involves and how they help with events, advising, etc.

Directors Report: See written report below in addition to discussion:

Betsy commented that although Shelburne had no participants for the Snowmobile safety course, it would still happen as it's a joint class with other Towns.

- Betsy explained that while youth basketball numbers are lower than in years past, it is largely in part due to the number of choices kids have for various programs throughout the year. Discussion ensued regarding kids specializing in one or two sport year round at an earlier age and less kids in the school system as other contributing factors.

- It was noted that several entertainers were booked from the Performance Showcase that Peggy and Betsy attended in Nov.

- Mia suggested that it would be a good idea to market the Women's Self Defense class to high school girls who will be entering college soon.

Event Planning:

Tree Lighting – We have Santa for Friday night!

Winterfest – This event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Please note the new time of 10am – 1pm to accommodate the preschool and toddler ages who nap in the afternoon. They make up the majority of the kids that attend.

Summer Concerts – Phil Abair will do the last concert at Teddy Bear. Still need to set a date and would like to do that before Christmas. Bruce said Curt Echo is interested in helping to organize the food vendors. Summer Concert dates/artists so far: July 10 -Hitman, July 17 -Dave Keller Band, July 24 -Shrimptunes, and July 31 (trying to book) Steve Hartmann.

Budget Process and Update: Betsy distributed copies of her budget proposal.

Highlights discussed:

- Programs stayed the same overall.
- Capital Project included is Beach Parking lot which was taken out last year.
- Also included \$10,000 for pre-construction drawings and engineering for the Beach House project.
- Bumped up Beach salaries to include extra 4 weekends of gate keeper staff (2 weeks before/2weeks after) main season. Minimum wage went up to \$10.78 as well.
- Special Events also increased to accommodate fifth concert at Teddy Bear.
- Parks budget included \$4,000 Little League softball field improvements, which is a joint project between LL, Town and School.
- Davis Park budget also included \$4,000 to replace the backboard at the Tennis Courts.
- December 13 will be all Department budget proposals to the Selectboard.

Other Business:

Considering whether to put Jersey barriers with reflectors at the Beach entrance to keep cars out. The beach is not plowed and the parking area is closed during the Winter. Increasing number of accidents and stuck cars during recent winter months. Discussion ensued and was supportive of the idea. Betsy will speak with Lee about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Director's Report

November Program Update:

Youth Basketball: 83
Women's Self Defense Basic: 22
Women's Self Defense Level 2: 17
Snowmobile class: 0
Young Rembrandts session 2: 9
After School Fitness session 2: 14
Gentle Yoga session 2: 5

Other: Peggy and Betsy attended the VRPA Performance Showcase and had a productive event. We currently have 3 of 4 concerts at the Farms booked for 2019 and a strong lead on the 4th. We booked a performer for Winterfest in Feb. as well (T-Bone). We have also confirmed that Phil Abair Band would like to come play the final concert for us with the Fireworks at Teddy Bear and we now just need to book a date.