

Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes Tues, May 30, 2023

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Kathie Pudvar, Kelli Magnier, Bruce Whitbeck, , Renee Davitt, Hayley Cimler, Susan McLellan

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Meeting called to order by Peggy at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from April 17 Meeting: Motion made by Bruce, 2nd by Kelli to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, Minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report: See attached at end. Betsy summarized written report and short discussion regarding beach stickers for sale and Hullcrest Park playground. Kathie thinks the design is twice as big as current playground. Kelli suggested doing it in phases to make it more affordable.

Special Events:

- Betsy still needs to follow up with school about using the school gym and cafeteria for an event in the winter.
- Pet parade/ fun run – Renee went to an event in Pittsburgh and saw this happening and it was great. This type of event would get people of all ages be part of. People got a bib and walked a path by the river. We could do an event starting at the green and have booths, contest and then do a walk around Laplatte Nature Center. We couldn't do it on a Sat on the green once Farmers Market starts.
- Back to the Beach: Thursday, June 22 – Betsy confirmed we are able to borrow Fire Dept. grill again and should be able to get it there during the day before the event. We have 2 bounce houses booked. Initial info has gone out about performers but no interest yet. We will put out on FPF as well. We only have so many spots. Haley is going to notify music teachers at SCS. Need help setting up starting at 5pm.
- Summer Concerts – Starts Wed., July 12th and continues at Shelburne Farms on 19th and 26th. Will be helping with food cart and parking again. Fireworks concert at Teddy Bear on Tues., Aug. 1st.

Other Business: Discussion held about ordering new polo shirts for Rec events. Most people are all set. Betsy might order a few new shirts.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion made by Kelli, 2nd by Bruce.

Director's Report

Program Update: The Community Gardens at Laplatte Nature Center have opened for the season and we have 15 gardeners this year. The Pre-school soccer spring program has been going strong this May with 15 kids enjoying this popular program. We also have been booked solid on our Adult Pickleball clinics this May and coming up in June. This trendy sport inspired 23 people this spring to try it out or increase their knowledge through the clinics with Len Guilino!

Parks Update: Season Beach Passes are now available for sale in the office and will be for sale at the beach starting June 19th. A trail repair improvement project is being planned in Laplatte Nature Center in June on the trail along the river below the falls overlook. A coordinated effort between volunteers, headed up by Joplin Wistar, with assistance from the Grounds Maintenance Dept. will add stone to the low lying path that often is wet and muddy, causing erosion as people veer off the path to get around.

Kyle and Kevin also completed other trail projects on the Ti-Haul and in Bay Park on the mooring trail during the month of May. The new Gator has been a huge help in the efficiency of this work and has save a lot of time and manpower!

An initial quote from Pettinelli and Associates/ Miracle playgrounds to replace the aging playground structure at Hullcrest park came in at approximately \$160,000. There has been discussion of ARPA money becoming available to use for playgrounds. This was higher than expected and could be scaled back some by putting in something smaller. Costs have increased exponentially since the last playground replacement we completed. Further discussion and input regarding the playground will be needed regarding future plans.