

Strafford Rec Board August 28 2019

Present: John Freitag, Hilary Linehan, Leslie Berger, Christa Wurm, Jason Loomis

Approve minutes

Agenda

- Baseball field rentals – Jason
 - JL as representative for Rec Board : the Rec Board supports outside folks renting our fields as long as we are upholding our duties to the town of Strafford.
 - Mountain Men needed rotating field in summer
 - Selectboard confirmed that there is a policy for folks to use fields, etc.
 - Current policy is very open-ended; limited oversight
 - JL went to selectboard meeting
 - If a team is going to use the field regularly, we should
 - notify the townspeople
 - have them cover costs (portapotty)
 - Have a provision so that the town folks can use it / schedule it
 - Fall Ball
 - Portapotty is necessary for program
 - **Can Rec Board support? (+-\$300)**
 - **ACTION**
 - Recommend a policy change:
 - ***Hilary and Jason will create recommendation from shared language from Thetford/VTC***
 - Costs
 - Portapotty
 - Include line item in budget for portapotty rental during summer. Historically May – July 4; adding July, August, September.
 - Hilary to clarify to selectboard that Rec board will assume cost for portapotty calendar year 2019 (and that summer league \$\$ will go to Rec board)
- Jedi/soccer/art camp wrap up
 - Jedi Camp
 - Big success! 501st Legion came, jr. counselors Axel deBoer and “best camp I ever did!”
 - **Do it again!** Different focus
 - Art Camp
 - Usually people don’t sign up, this year had to close enrollment - 23 kids, part days, full days, 2 days Julia Martin and Casey Yunger as CITs; Aurora Berger as co-leader; all

got paid, paid for all materials, still made a profit for the rec board. Newton school was really accommodating and supportive. Liason w/Rec Board was really helpful and easy.

- **Do it again!**
- Soccer Camp – 18 kids in a.m; 4 in p.m. – too few, not as fun. Organization will set a minimum likely of 8;
 - Had requests to run 45 minutes preschool camp
 - Same thing every year so kids didn't sign up for many years
 - Hilary needs to pass it on – 15 years!
 - Hosting 2 coaches
 - Organizing
 - Sept – March: Email with org. re: which week/which camp(s)
 - Reminders of email blasts
 - Two weeks before: how many coaches, hosts (don't have to have a kid in camp Sunday - Sunday); logistics;
 - **Org. will email all of us, we will collaborate to organize.**
 - Contract: Week of August 10, opposite art camp; 17th, week before school
- Retaining wall
 - Dave was planning on funding and making it happen. Ask for an electronic update.
- Playground chips
 - All done!
 - Sherm Wilson came to help spread it with his tractor
 - 16 yards for preschool was perfect
- Red barn painting
 - Plan to do 2 sides next year, as opposed to 1 side/year.
 - Frank Brown used to do it
 - **ACTION:**
 - Christa will ask Kyle about possibility for painting and cost (<1200 per side)
 - Vote: approve to move forward summer 2020 if Kyle is available.
 - Jason will investigate replacing siding and funding
- Open barn dates
 - 8.31 CRW 10:00 – 12:00
- Swim lessons
 - Hannah Levinger offering – history?
 - Lion's club sponsored in the past –
 - Class in March at VTC for Certified Swim instructor (\$350) all weekend and 4 days 5-9
 - **ACTION**

- John will reach out to Chrissy to clear w/Lions' Club reinstating
 - Check w/ Lisa insurance to see what requirements needed to be covered (certified swim instructor required?)
- Benches Murray field
 - No 7/8 team in Strafford; big goals – not an urgent
 - If there's money in the budget this year, we could buy some aluminum; build a ski-bench!
- Picnic Tables Murray field
 - Repair or build a new one? OUT OF SKIS!?
 - **ACTION:**
 - Jason will replace rotting board in picnic table.
 - **ACTION**
 - John will measure, get rid of the existing benches, check the budget reserves, research into recycled (trex) benches
 - Vote to approve if there's \$\$ to get a bench – YES
- Next Meeting Date
 - Tuesday Oct 15 7 pm
 - Agenda
 - ICE RINK PLANNING (fix the liner now?)
 - BUDGET
- Other business
 - Other artsy programming ideas:
 - Arts Bus? very preschool
 - Paint and sip? Christine Parker from Sharon (Mason's building)