

Amherst Recreation Commission Meeting

Tuesday 26 September 2011

Attendance: Nancy McMillan, Wendy Rannenberg, Manny Almeida, Dan Gravel, Mike Heaney, Karen Urbanik and Travis Warren

Absent: Addie Hutchinson, Pim Grondstra (SSB)

Audience of Citizens: None

Dan Gravel called the meeting to order at 1806. Meeting was held at Amherst Rec Department.

Motion to accept the amended minutes of 26 July 2011 by Wendy Rannenberg and seconded by Manny Almeida. All were in favor.

Old Business:

- Still need ASD Rep.
- Nancy met with new AD Ken Bigley. Seem like a great asset to the town. Nancy very optimistic that he is looking at the big picture and wants to work with Rec.
- Cemetery replacement update from Wendy. Watching for land. Still nothing for sale. Presentation of recommendation to BOS has been delayed a few times. No progress on Pumpkin land. Not a lot to report.

New Business:

- + Amherst School District-None
- + Souhegan School Board-None
- + Board of Selectman-None
- + Administration Committee-Members are Manny, Addie and Mike. Committee working to schedule time to meet. . No report.
- + Facilities Committee-Members are Dan, Wendy and Manny. No report.
- + PMEC-Members are Karen, Wendy, Travis from the Recreation Commission and from the community Ann Krantz and Curt Weeden.
 - Application complete for brown hiking sign on 101, waiting for money.
 - Oct 29 is the Fall Festival. Garden Club decorating, High School doing community service
 - Nancy provided committee with nice break down of revenue from all the programs at the PMEC.
 - PMEC is operating at break even
 - Nancy intends to discuss reducing the towns financial support for PMEC
 - PMEC attending NH Biz expo Oct 20th in attempt to attract use of the facility for retreats and by NH businesses.
- + Recreation Director's Report-
 - Background Check
 - 20 applicants for soccer program. Only one person withdrew. He was unwilling to share his SSN due to prior issues with identity theft.
 - Biggest challenge was getting forms/info back from coaches.
 - State of the Dept Report next MON
 - Nancy will email her final report to committee members?

- Nancy will recap last year, ytd progress, goals.
- Horizon Items
 - Potential Lower Wilkins Project
 - Nancy's team has come up with a plan to improve lower Wilkins and is considering next steps. Including reaching out to private sports clubs to get them involved.
 - Review Gale Report
 - Nancy reviewed to look for critical items that need to be put forward. The retaining walls at the Lake and Spaulding field were listed as safety issues. Nancy has quotes to get the work done and is going to recommend a warrant article be put forward for these. Potentially moving play space it might play in to not needing to replace the retaining wall at Lake. TBD
 - Also, play space at Cemetery Field has come up. Nancy has obtained advice regarding the feasibility of moving it. Electronic E-newsletter as a means to more cost effectively get our word out.

Manny moved that the meeting be adjourned and Mike seconded it.
Meeting adjourned at 19:22.

Respectfully submitted, Travis Warren
Secretary