

New Ipswich Parks and Rec Minutes

March 23, 2016 7pm

-We received Donations from Dick's Sporting Goods (\$400 in gift certificates and coupons) to go towards our new Mascenic Youth Soccer Program. Also from Mitch at the Knights of Columbus. Another donation was received to go towards our Summer Fest from Jennifer Nordstrom for our field day games and activities. The donations were excepted by the Selectmen.

-Our Summer Fest was accepted by the selectmen. June 11 4-10pm at Memorial Field. Nichole Talbot will be working on getting the vendor information out. Peter Gooley from DPW had the great idea to ask local businesses if they are interested in bringing down equipment or trucks for the kids to check out. DPW has offered to set up as well! Shawn Talbot will be donating his cooking skills on the grill. I have applied for a music grant from the Stearns Burton Fund and will speak with Mike Ordway on entertainment. We will also have some fun games and activities for the kids to do. Our first movie night will begin around 8:30pm.

Soccer Update

-Jen Gould was back to discuss some updates with our Soccer program. Jen met with the Pitman's (Randy and Ginnie Pitman originally brought AYSO to town) and discussed the option of keeping AYSO and just starting over with a new board. We weighed out if it would be best to stick with AYSO and start from scratch regarding a board or to stay with creating a new rec program. The decision is to stick with a rec program and this will allow us to mold the program to what works best for New Ipswich.

-Jen also reported after her meeting with the Pitman's that they are allowing us to keep the u10 goals and nets and are looking into the u12 goals and nets as well. They will speak with the section board to get any other items in their storage unit. We'll hear back shortly. A huge thank you to the Pitman's for helping our Rec Dept keep this equipment in town!!

-Blue Sombrero is a website were our families can sign up for soccer. They have no fees to use this website and they do not need to do payments online but they will send an invoice to remind parents to pay. They can also help keep track of sign ups. I will follow up with Becky to make sure this option is okay.

-Jen has been doing an amazing job with setting up this program and she has worked the numbers to keep prices down. We are hoping to see soccer prices at \$35/u5 \$50/u6, u8, u10 \$85/u12 as long as we get a minimum of \$1,200 in team sponsors.

-Signups for Soccer May 21, 2016 3-6pm I will do SAU paperwork for HHES cafeteria. Also we will set up a table at the summer fest as well.

- **Upcoming events**- Town Wide Clean Up is scheduled for April 23, 9-12. We will be set up at the town office handing out trash bags and a list of roads to keep track of what needs help!

- Fishing Derby date approved May 14, 2016. I already put in for the free fish from the state. We are also working on selling paper fish again to offset costs. I will reach out to local stores to sell the fishies!

-I spoke Melissa Lambert regarding the Bob Gammel Tournament and was informed they do not want the assistance of the Rec Dept this year. The reason was her and her husband want to handle it privately.

-Some safety concerns have come to my attention over the past few months at Memorial field. With the new installation of the posts at the basketball courts we need padding for them. I was also informed the rec dept was supposed to purchase a net for lower field to block any balls from entering the playground. On Babe Ruth field we need to expand the fencing for the dugouts. We've had a few instances with balls entering the area that could hurt the kids playing.

-I will be meeting with Mike Martel to discuss the new construction of the Babe Ruth dugouts.

-We didn't squeeze in time to discuss summer program ideas. I will add it to next month's Agenda.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 27, 2016 at 7pm

As of now the areas we are looking for volunteers are:

- Easter event
- Autumn Fest
- Summer Fest (new)
- Winter toy drive (new)
- Movie Night (new)
- Adult programs (new need ideas and coordinators)
- Youth Soccer Program