

New Ipswich Parks and Rec Minutes

May 25, 2016 7pm

In attendance-Mindy, Shawn and Nichole Talbot, Mary Lee, Mike Agonis.

-Next year's town wide cleanup we will provide the bags at the town office starting three weeks in advance to the actual cleanup day. Possibly a cook out at the field or something to celebrate a great day of bettering our community!

- The fishing Derby was amazing! The weather was perfect. We had a very generous donation from JoMarc of \$600!! The New Ipswich Market hosted our paper fish sales and raised \$136. We had great volunteers Aimee Wallace and Alan Jemlich. They provided lots of gifts and raffles for the kids! Over all it was a huge success. Next year possibly needing extra rods and/or post to bring rods for new attendees.

-Fencing for Babe Ruth Field- We received approval from the selectmen to add an additional 30' of fencing at the field. This will be for protection when the players are in the dugout. Cheshire Fence Co. will hopefully providing the installation for a cost of \$900.00

- A walking/ hiking group- we will be marking out routes over the next few weeks and posting on the town parks and rec page. If interested in participating in these walks. They will be roughly 3 miles at a pace of 15 minutes each mile.

-Summer program will be hiring two counselors. Mindy needs to speak with Joanne about posting for the positions. We are updating the price list, pending selectmen approval. We are also updating the field trips and crafts and activities. Will have forms done in the next two weeks.

- Summer Festival. Will have food at the café including prepaid lobster meals, hamburger and hot dogs salads chips drinks etc., Games and bounce houses for kids. We have equipment that will be set up on the field for the kids to sit on and check out. Still looking for some companies interested in getting involved. Vendors will be selling goods. Music sponsored by Stearns Burton Fund. Soccer sign ups and pool registration and sign ups. Face painting, Kona ice truck. The pool will be open for families to swim. Also movie night!!!! We have a handful of volunteers but still need more!!!

- Movie night- kick off night is June 11. We are collecting suggestions. Mindy will call the distributors to get permission to show the movie publicly. We will sell popcorn, chips, candy, and drinks. Mary Lee is looking into speakers and receivers.

- Easter Egg Hunt fundraising ideas- We need between \$300- \$500 a year for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will address this further in the year, possibly a raffle at the Autumn festival.

-Soccer, Jen Gould stepped down as our possible Soccer Coordinator. We are in need of three more volunteers. The price will stay at \$50 per child. U12 will be travel, u10 and under will stay in town this year. Depending on signups we will determine if the teams will be coed or not. We will be getting team sponsors \$100 per team. Hopefully we will find enough companies to sponsor our new league! Mindy spoke with Ginnie Pitman and she is standing by her agreement with New Ipswich Parks and Rec. We purchased the goals for \$500, check issued last week, they will be donating the remainder of the equipment available.

Soccer sign ups coming up are June 11 4-7pm at the Summer Festival. We are accepting sign ups all summer! We have the sign up form on the town website.

Soccer camp will be July 18- 22nd @ Memorial Field www.challengersports.com Still accepting kids and still looking for families to house our coach guests. If interested please contact Mindy

Update on the basketball courts- They are painted and sealed, waiting on lining Thursday. Backboards will be done Saturday. We still have work we want done on the courts. We will no longer host the Gammel 3 on 3, but I will follow up when they are having the event. Mindy was told possibly this fall. Parks and Rec Dept. will be considering an outside 3 on 3 this August at the courts to offset costs for future upgrades such as fixing the grade on the edge of the court, padding for the posts, seating etc.

Skate park renovations have been an ongoing concern. I was approached by a resident who was interested in fixing up the park. I'd like to assess the repairs needed and equipment upgrades wanted and have some sort of idea of costs.

Camera on the basketball court has been damaged. The two pool cameras need to be upgraded. Mindy will speak with Brian at Monadnock Security to figure out costs. Also we need to get a quote on hooking the basketball camera to the main system in the pool house.

Homemade to Handmade Market will be kicking off on June 25th. This is a market for vendors interested in selling their homemade, handmade or home grown goods. After speaking with the selectmen we will have no fees this year. The market will be held on the corner of Temple Road and Playground Road. The selectmen preferred this location so vendors could have cars on the field if needed. The only thing the vendors will need to do is provide a filled out vendor form. Mindy will try and put together a sign that can be at the median on temple road/ 124 intersection. And will also contact all the vendors that showed interest in this.

To kick off this event we are working on the idea of having a town wide yard sale. Selectmen approval pending. We will provide spots to rent on the field for yardsalers as well as sell maps for residents that have sales at home. Recommended costs are \$5 for map positions and \$10 for on field set up. (Market vendors will have this fee waived!) And maybe a \$1 per map. Will keep everyone posted on resolution.

-Mike Agonis will be running a volleyball league and instructional this summer at the courts. He is looking for multiple teams to play on Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays to run these leagues. He

is waiting on a price for washed mason sand- medium washed sand to replace or add to the existing sand. Mindy will forward Mike the parents that have contacted her regarding this program. Mike will give Mindy the info for the Boynton gift.

-Look into getting a BJ's membership.

-Mary Lee is working on a Military vehicle show. She will contact a local resident for use of field and then speak with the organization to figure out a date.

Next meeting Wednesday June 22, 2016

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