

New Ipswich Parks & Rec Meeting
~ MINUTES ~

Date: July 8, 2015 – 6pm to 7pm

Board Members: Deb Holmes-Rec Director, Mindy Buxton-Rec Coordinator

**Committee Members: Ray Holmes – Chair, Beth Dunn-Somero – Secretary,
Angelika Weber - Treasurer**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Farmers Market
 - People are enjoying the farmers market
 - More vendors are joining each week
- Chess Club
 - Approximately 10-12 kids each week
 - Kids LOVED having it at Highbridge
 - Positive feedback from the parents
 - Confusion on parent's part as to age restriction – will be better about this next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Adult Softball
 - No one seems to be attending. No interest?
- Basketball Tournament – July 11 @ Mascenic – Honor of Bob Gammel
 - \$1710.00 already deposited
 - Another 250.00 collected
 - T-shirts – thank you NESS!!
 - Courts can be sealed ourselves – just need the supplies
 - 2 more posts need to be placed – cost of 1,300.00 each
 - Looking into dedication rock – engraved or plaque
 - Scholarship fund to be created in near future
 - Keep as annual event.
- Investigate Old Town Hall for Rec Department use
 - Ask Ed Rogers

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- Business Signs around baseball field
 - Selectmen asked 8-9 years ago
 - Signs cost 150.00
 - Businesses pay 100.00 each year to keep them up
 - Baseball gets all the money
 - Baseball should attend the next REC DEPT meeting. Email sent to Mark Krook.
- Security Cameras – Mindy
 - 4 security cameras – put in by Monadnock Security – cost to US would be approx. 1500.00
 - Will bring to Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, July 14th @ 6pm
- Skate Park
 - State of disrepair
 - Need to fix / repair to make safe again
- Tree Trimming
 - Red busy trees need to be trimmed from the top
 - Tree by lower field dugout needs to have branches removed
 - Near pool area – tree growing in center of bush – tree needs to be removed.
- Walking Trail
 - While all agree this is an awesome idea for the future, we need to prioritize various repairs before creating a new item.
- Charging for Use of Facilities:
 - All agreed that a per-child charge for every sport should be charged in order to offset the costs of porta potties / field repairs / etc.
 - It was discussed that a charge of 3.00 / per child / per sport would suffice.
 - This will begin IMMEDIATELY.

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Calendar of Events

July

- 11th – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- 20th - Summer Playground Program - Week 1 starts!
- 27th - Summer Playground Program - Week 2 starts!

August

- 3rd - Summer Playground Program - Week 3 starts!

October

- 3rd - Annual Autumn Festival - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm - Bonfire to follow
- 4th - RAIN DATE: Annual Autumn Festival

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