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Durham Recreation committee
7:30 pm Durham Activity Center
September 21, 2016

Call to order:

Mary Ann Krenz called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Present: Sherry Hill, Pam Carey, Pam Quinley, Becky Finnerty, Lisa Szymaszek, and Rachael Geary.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mary Ann Krenz to move Youth Basketball league discussion for end of meeting. All Ayes.

Approval of previous minutes:

Motion to approve Lisa Szymaszek, Becky Finnerty seconds the motion,

Public Comment:

None

Sherry Hill wanted to see more of a conscious effort on minute taking at these meetings and making sure they are submitted on time. Secretary absent at this meeting, Rachael Geary to take minutes.

The summer programs were great this year. Despite having a waitlist, everyone that was interested in the programs was able to attend. The cheerleading clinic went well but would like to see a little bit better of a relationship between Coginchaug cheerleaders & cheerleading campers. Camp Farnham, as well as the two concerts and fun-run were great.

Allyn Brook Park update: It is a struggle to keep the playground at Allyn Brook Park maintained. It should be proposed for a maintainer to be added to the public works department to maintain the park. There is also an Earth Berm that has become a bit overgrown. There are a number of different options to alleviate this concern including cleaning up the Earth Berm and adding picnic tables or benches in order to make it easier to maintain, or maybe even a potential Eagle Scout/Girl Scout project to clean up area.

The Rec Desk is going live soon. This would mean the ability to register first, youth basketball, then soon thereafter, yoga and men's basketball via the Town of Durham website. While there is a fee to register online, looking for a way to include that fee in the cost of the registration.

The Halloween parade will be on October 29th at 2 pm. It will be similar to last year with costumes, cookies, and decorating. With more help in the future and potentially finding other committees to team up with, a Trunk or Treat may be plausible or even a hayride.

The Youth Basketball program last year had 276 children and the use of 4 different school sites. A new part time/seasonal position for a Youth Basketball Director was proposed to supervise and coordinate the youth basketball program in lieu of volunteer work to because it is a large commitment. Motion to accept the proposal of Youth basketball director to be paid \$3800 for a part time position with a cap at 200 hours made by Mary Ann, seconded by Lisa Szymaszek. Approval 5-2. Becky Finnerty & Pam Carey abstained.

Its important to provide safety for the children participating in youth basketball, therefore within reasonable pricing, background checks should be performed, and there should always 2 coaches present per team at practices, with a third person backup if one of the coaches cannot make the practices. Looking into the cost of background checks. With the inclusion of background checks and new youth basketball director, motion to set the price of this years youth basketball at \$70 per child (kindergarten thru second graders) and \$80 dollars (third–ninth graders) if there is a background check fee, and \$65 and \$75 dollars respectively if there is no fee, made by Pam Quinley, second by Lisa Szymaszek. All approved.

Adjournment 10:25 pm
Submitted by Rachael Geary