

**Town of Northfield
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes 4/11 2016
Municipal Building 6:00 pm**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua, Chris Cummings, Scott Amell; members. Absent: Ken Goslant (Select Board liaison); Jessica Amell, Bruce Wright (members)

- I. **Call to order:** 6:10 pm introductions
- II. **Review and approval of minutes of February and March minutes:** Chris and Scott were not in attendance at start of meeting. Tabled until next meeting in interest of time.
- III. **Welcome New Committee members:** Chris present. Jess unable to attend and sent her regret due to family emergency. Sally has been reappointed as well.
- IV. **Old business: reports:** Thank you notes to Winter Carnival volunteers got sent out by Sally. Michele and Heidi attended the Rotary Pie and community grants awards. It was a good event to meet other people to collaborate. Spoke with Missy Axelrod about farm to school program and a possible collaboration grant, Sam Hagen from Bridges after school program and summer. Some of the feedback received on the display and reports we had were that we should have a spot that easily people can access this information. A suggestion was made for Facebook or webpage, not town site for minutes of meetings. See new business. Michele received check on behalf of Recreation Committee in amount of \$250.00 there were apparently 12 other groups that received same amount. Michele will get check to Laurie for donation fund.

Other: after last meeting because Ken McCann was gone on vacation he received a letter from Gifford Medical Center dated 3/9 in regards to the William and Mary Markle Community Foundation. They asked that we provide an overview detailing how our committee would utilize \$3,125 in attention towards childhood recreation. We had only a couple of days to do so but got the letter in and received the check which will submit to Laurie in fund that will go towards programs for example (which we put in letter) such as sports clinics or hosting swimming such as we did at winter carnival.

Commentary/other member feedback from Winter Carnival: Sally spoke with Matt at Bicycle express who would like to be involved by having a bicycle race-weather it be phat bike tires or regular.

Picnic table follow up: need to get them stained and out. Planning for weekend of 23-24 April weather dependent. Mid to late morning. Sally will communicate with Dexter and let us know about what we need to bring. We need to get the last couple of them paid for by the business.

- V. **Field requests:** approved Michele will contact one of them to clarify before approval
- VI. **New business:** if we want to do a summer event we need to get going. Bruce not at meeting. Scott did not see at practice but need to make a decision if we are going to do for July.

Group discussed Chicken Barbeque hot dogs and hamburgers. Sally suggested contacting outside person and Scott felt we could make more if we did by ourselves borrowing equipment. Sally will find out more info. Chris is going to find out more info about "furmout" fundraising. Heidi will contact Chris Amell about another company that does fundraising carnival type events that takes a portion of proceeds.

Michele would like to structure our meetings to make sure they are kept to 1.5 hours. We keep to an agenda. Sally wondered if we had by laws and mission statement. Michele will find out. Planned public participation will be at beginning of meeting with any unexpected participation at end. General introductions if public there. Try not to have side conversations so whoever is keeping minutes can be accurate. Save the chat for after. Will add a part for comments/roundtable on agenda for members to put in comments. She also is interested in starting a Facebook page at suggestion of a rotary pie attendee. Group likes idea. Will ask Vicki Corson about doing this.

Sally gave update on Christmas decorations. It looks like NSB is going to do a sizable donation towards this. Big lights on bridge, and poles. New tree, horse and buggy for Santa. Sally went to Select Board meeting and thanked them for the winter carnival. Showed group a structure committee might want to purchase from Costco for the falls field for playground equipment. Scott commented after looking at it that it contained redwood and was therefore not able to go into a public area due to codes. Discussed forming a subcommittee. Sally will ask Jess about this. Discussed horseshoe pits and potential placement and liability.

Scott indicated that varsity baseball had truckloads of sand delivered at baseball field to level it out and there was no cost to town. Men's league is planning some work there as well.

- VII. **Public participation:** none
- VIII. **Next meeting:** Monday May 9, 2016 at 6 pm
- IX. **Adjournment**