

**Town of Northfield
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes May 9 2016
Municipal Building 6:00 pm**

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua, Ken Goslant (Selectman liaison)
Absent: Jessica Amell, Bruce Wright, Scott Amell (members)

- I. Call to order: 6:10 pm
- II. Review and approval of minutes of February and March and April minutes with changes.
- III. Old business: reports:
 - a. Picnic tables got stained. We don't know if two are paid for. We agreed that 3 would be placed on common (including one already there); one at falls park and remaining 2 at Park. They are ready to go. Kenny will arrange for tables to go out and coordinate with Dexter to get into his Mill to get tables. Discussion about whether to wait to put the business names on the table first. Agreed to put out tables and then Michele will call John Dewey for a price on plates/plaques for the tables and get back to us. Agreed on size about 3 x 5. The letters for the tables for sponsorship are still out Michele will connect with Scott to find out where we are at with this as there is some confusion with one business.
 - b. July bazaar: are we doing it? Discussion, There hasn't been any word from the youth organizations on further interest on interest in participation or fundraising. Discussion for gearing it toward kids was our vision. Using example of hockey group (NAHA) they fundraise all year long, there are not many families available to expect them to man a booth and expect them to do a fundraiser. Heidi hadn't heard back from school on fundraising ideas. Group discussion on ideas. Do we each take a booth and try to run for a portion of time, or do we just do Chicken BBQ, and dance. Will figure out a survey will give questions to Michele by Wed for her to do on Front Porch Forum for feedback.
 - c. Horseshoe Pits: Sally went to select board to discuss interest of placing horseshoe pits in project at either Park or Falls field or both and they want to know where horseshoe pits would be. Consensus was posts would be fluorescent posts, and should be cemented in so wouldn't be stolen. Sally also reported from the meeting there had been a discussion about liability. Jeff was checking into liability. Our committee mentioned in Falls between the softball and little league before batting cages and at Memorial Park it should be up by where the playground currently is.
 - d. Memorial Park restroom tabled as Scott is not at meeting.

IV. New business:

- a. Park Use Request: field requests: an unusual field one has the pool requested as well as volleyball. Discussion about the time of year (August 21), and that the pool is not under our direction. Discussed changing the form. In the meantime Michele will contact the representative who filled out request and let know they need to contact town manager for pool, let them know volleyball nets are down in Falls field and otherwise the request is granted.
- b. Bike/Pedestrian Path Grant: read email and discussed options of what eligible projects might be available. The timing of the grant is due 5/15. This grant has been a past thing and we have considered before. We only received in our email this week and there is many parts to it to consider with components to it that the town need to be set in place. Discussion for instance on adding a bike lane by 18 inches to main road would mean taking space from property. Sidewalks would mean space and up keep. The state is possibly re doing route 12 A from Lovers Lane to Route 12. Some widening has been done and some work has possibly been done already for this. Heidi will contact town manager to see what he may know of some planning.

V. Public participation: none

VI. Next meeting Monday: June 13 , 2016 at 6pm

VII. Adjournment