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Sandwich Recreation Committee Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023

6:30 Convene Meeting

Attendees: Guy Boucher, Ken Mooney, Ken Hughes, Hilary Klaiber, Kim Ruty, Brittany Burbank, Beth Bowman, Sabrina Ewing

Guest: Lauren Melillo and Judy Capone, Sandwich Women's Club/Adventure Playground

6:35 Review and Approval of Minutes February 6, 2023

6:45 Adventure Playground: Received 4th design. Next step to review and get feedback on designs. Judy Capone and Lauren Melillo \$2000 donation from Sandwich Women's Club specifically designated for signage. The funds can be added as a line item for Adventure Playground signage. Sign must be approved by the building department. The group discussed options including something visible on Quaker Meetinghouse Rd and with the ability to post announcements on a regular basis.. Possibly a hanging sign under the Oak Ridge School sign. Small plaques for business donations/ advertising. There is one quote for demolition and removal of current structures for approximately 30K. Sandwich DPW may be an option which would be less costly. Current issues such as broken chain to be fixed can be reported to DPW via the Sandwich 311 app by taking a picture and submitting it. Currently, DPW has a work order to fix the parking lot.

The rec staff visited the Bourne inclusive playground and found it very impressive; however they have reached out to the contractor- O'Brien and Sons multiple times without success.

Program Update: Super Fun Camp registration opens 3/7 and usually fills quickly. Week long camp registration opens on 3/14. Amelia Hamilton has been hired as new Camp Director. She has a long history with the camp and the team is excited about her arrival.

Parks/Facilities Update: DPW installed guard rails on Snake Pond. Access mats set to be out on beaches soon. Getting quotes on portable bathrooms- they are coming in high. Good return rate for staff. At UNH recruitment got 3 or 4 camp counselors, and an intern has been hired. Offering competitive pay. Overall shortage of lifeguards. Difficult to get Red Cross training facilities. Closest one right now is New Jersey.

SCAL Update: No public open house is planned to date. The Public Health Nurse moved in. Starting Monday 3/13 at 7:30 am, there will be a free walking program around the track, and sign up is on the Mind Body App.

The Rec Dept will run the gym and walking track and support the Open gym times, family time, and somenadult programming. The Council on Aging will run everything else. Both departments will work together, and the scheduling and programming is still evolving. The Rec Dept meeting will continue to use their online suspense for scheduling, including Court Reserve for Pickleball the Mind Body App for classes and the Council on Aging uses a separate system. Members of the committee were invited to help with testing the system for functionality.

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07/03/2023



Open gym supplies ordered, two 15ft benches for the gym. Not a lot of storage space, trying to keep equipment compact and organized.

Town received 56K back in energy efficiency. Still to be finished is parking, landscaping, bath house. Holding off on the shade structure for now. Hopefully enough left in the CAL budget.

July 4th Update: There are limited options; none with all the events on the 4th as it has been in the past. Waiting for a Selectmen decision. Can do the road race, field events on the 4th, along with the boat parade (barring an algae bloom issue). Band and fireworks possibly the 1st. Cost of fireworks up to 15K. Only a couple of options for bands for the 1st.

7:25 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: April 3, 2023 6:30pm Hamilton Hall