

St. George Parks and Recreation Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 18, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01

Attendance: Ben Vale, Jaime MacCaffray, Bryan Morse, Cassie Kilbride, Summer Ward, Ryan Rice, Trina Schroeder, Meghan Benner (via phone) Craig Gauthier--absent

Public: Dan Falla, Kristin Falla, John Falla, Dexter Falla

Approval of Minutes: Cassie motions to approve minutes, Bryan seconds, all approved.

Agenda Adjustments: Presentation from Dexter Falla moved to the first item of discussion.

Public Comment: Dan Falla proposed that the Rec Department set up a trip to the Maine Mariners this winter. He can get a discount on tickets through his job. Discussion on whether the trip should be adults only. Dan mentioned that the Mariners have a policy of ages 12 and up showing proof of vaccine upon admission, kids under 12 need to be masked. The Committee likes the idea of offering this trip and will investigate it further.

Old Business

1. Seniors Program Report

Delivered 29 meals last week; Ben plans to continue this through January. If it is safe, we will move back to in-person gatherings. Summer offered to help pack and deliver meals if Ben needs it.

2. Financial report

Athletic supplies were ordered.

The Little League field was recut this week, which will be deducted next month.

3. Youth Soccer Update

The season wraps up this week. The field has been busy all week, even with some K,1,2 graders turning out to play in the rain on Saturday.

Thank you to all the coaches at all the levels who have volunteered. Our high numbers of players at all levels are a credit to our coaches and community. Thank you to Jeff Shaw who helped Ben ref the 5th games. Thank you to Ben Falla and Bill Stuart who helped fill in when Ben was out.

4. Facilities

The Little League field was re-cut this week and looks great. Ben will be closing the tennis courts next week. Ben will place flags and stakes on the field next week, as soon as middle level soccer is finished.

New Business

1. Presentation from Dexter Falla *This was the first item discussed tonight.*****

Dexter is collecting ice skates for a project at the public rink: "so kids who want to skate can skate." Dexter needs to collect skates and get a storage box. Ben will donate a box to Dexter. Dexter is going to ask the community to donate skates. He would like to have at least 6 pairs, which he can get sharpened at the MRC. The Rec Department can advertise for him on our Facebook page. He will also put up a sign at school and the MRC. Thank you, Dexter, for initiating such a kind, pay-it-forward project!

2. Committee Goals

Discussion of potential goals for this year.

1. Clothing Sale (see below)
2. Planning more family activities and trips

Ideas:

- a. Family Skate Day at the rink
- b. Mariners trip
- c. Spring Field Day
- d. Town Scavenger Hunt

Trina suggested we create a Community Survey to see what type of events and/or trips the community would like to participate in.

3. Skate Park/Bike Park

Discussion: Ryan wonders if this is something we really want. This could be just one more thing to supervise. There are concerns that this could turn into a similar scenario that we have had at Collins Park over the past couple of years. Committee would like to investigate the logistics of a Skate Park: where would it go? How big does it need to be? How much would it cost?

4. Meghan proposed that we keep discussing the idea of a town Rec Center.

3. Clothing Sale

Summer met with Adrian at Maine Printing. He does not do online sales and is currently understaffed so anything we order might take quite a bit of time to receive. We are not going to change the logo to save time and money. He is going to price out sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatpants, and skull hats. Once we have prices, we will need to create an order form, possibly on Google Sheets which will turn all orders into a spreadsheet. We would like people to pay in advance. They can order online or on a paper form at the town office. Payments would need to be dropped off at the Town Office before we can place the order. We will keep the order window open for two weeks. There is no guarantee that items will be in by Christmas. We will have another Clothing Sale in the Spring to offer t-shirts, shorts, baseball caps, etc.

4. Youth Basketball

We are still unsure if we will have access to the school gym. Until we know for sure, which we should know on or around 11/3, Ben proposes to try an outside program similar to what he offered last year. IF we find out that we do have access to the gym for Rec Basketball, we can transition to that mid-November. Ben would like to do the outside program after school, instead of on Saturdays.

Starting November 1:

Monday: grades 5/6 for 6 weeks

Tuesday: grades 3/4 for 5 weeks

Wednesday: grades 1/2 for 4 weeks

All days will be weather permitting. No basketball offered the week of Thanksgiving.

Other Business

1. Executive Session: none needed
2. Next Meeting: Monday 11/15 at 6:00
3. Boosters Discussions: none needed

Adjournment: Jaime motions to adjourn; Summer seconds; All in favor: adjourned 7:00