

St. George Parks and Recreation Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 6:12

Attendance: Ben, Summer, Missy, Cassie, Jaime, Bryan, Craig, Gary, Meghan (late)

Agenda Adjustments: Ben has coach updates, executive session, if necessary; Summer would like to add a discussion of Drift Inn Beach

Approval of Minutes: Summer motioned to approve; Missy seconds; all in favor

Public Comment: none needed

Old Business

1. Seniors Program Report:

Luncheon on 4/10: 40 people came

May Meeting (14th): lasagna lunch and Town Manager question/answer before the town meeting

2. Financial Report: See handout

Everything is in good shape; each line is either under-spending or on budget

3. Boston Trip Update:

55 people went; overall went very well

We would like to continue with this next year.

4. 2018-19 Goals:

- Are there any other outings that we would like to offer between now and the fall?

--Brewery/Winery tours (Ben will look into this)

--Look into reserving blocks at Great Wolf Lodge or an indoor water park. Maybe more families would do something like this? Could we get a discount?

-Northend playground: Ben talked with the Town Manager and the Fire Chief have both agreed that we could put a playground on the front lawn (30x30 area). Playground set, picnic tables, wood chips...We will look at some structure ideas and discuss this next time.

5. Mussel Ridge

The change in this year's schedule was due to the lack of girls' teams. Ben is thinking of reaching out earlier and possibly asking for deposits. There was another tournament in Boothbay on this same weekend, which did affect us. Next year's Mussel Ridge will be 3/19,20, 21.

6. Little League/Farm League/T-Ball

Opening day (weather permitting) is this weekend. Farm League starts practice this week. Uniforms are being distributed this week.
We are in desperate need of umpires. We have 25 games uncovered.
All games are on P&R calendar.

Farm League teams are small, but we have them. There is a team of 8 girls and 10 boys.
Coaches: Joseph Hufnagel, Dave and Cassie Healey coaching softball
Justin Brownell, Garrett and Valerie Hilchey coaching baseball

T-Ball (21 registered) Cassie Kilbride and Ben Falla will be coaching
Saturdays: 5/11-6/8
Ben will be running two clinics this week for T-ball kids and parents.

Jaime motions to approve the coaches; Gary seconds; all in favor.

New Business

1. Drift Inn Beach

Summer asked whether the P&R committee could help with high tide beach bc retaining wall has caved in. Are we allowed to fix this? Is it our responsibility? Ben will talk with Tim Polky to find out if this is a town repair or if we can fix it.
It would be nice to make the beach more accessible: hand-rail, clip back the rose bushes, etc.

2. Summer Clinic Updates

July 1,2,3: Science AM/Art PM (Amy Palmer AM; Kate Gerweig PM)
July 9-11: Baseball/Softball (Davin, Bryan) and Dance (instructor needed)
July 23-25: Basketball (Meghan Smith)
Registration starts next week.

3. St George Days Outline Planning

Road Race (July 20): Saturday morning
Twice the advertising, half the people last year. What can we do differently for this year? (prizes, t-shirts, walkers, bibs/automatic timer {Thomaston uses this, but they get 100-200 runners}...discuss this next meeting
Dunk Tank: Saturday 12-2:30
Are we going to rent/donate the Dunk Tank? Missy recommended we have the town lawyer write a waiver of liability.
Corn Hole/ 12+under kickball: Sunday (July 21) (concessions included)
Bryan suggested a Rec Day at the big field: kickball, home-run derby, cornhole (double-elimination)
Rec Department table: t-shirts, rec center questionnaire/poll

4. 2019-2020 Committee Memberships

Start thinking about next year. Ben needs to let the town manager know by June what his committee will look like next year.

5. Facilities

The rink has been cleaned up/stored: thank you Ben Caron, Steve Jarrett, Matt MacCollum
Field Day was cancelled due to weather. Ben needs help putting up the batting cage. Jake Ward has offered to help. They are doing it tomorrow afternoon.

Tennis nets are up. Ben will recruit helpers for the wind nets. Missy is running a tennis club at the school. Ben will give her some some rackets.

Fields were ready/dry until this current rain.

Other Business

1. Executive session: none needed
2. Next meeting: Monday, June 10 at 6:00
3. Summer motions to adjourn at 7:47; Missy seconds; all in favor