

St. George Parks and Recreation Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05

Attendance: Ben, Summer, Missy, Cassie, Jaime, Bryan, Craig, Brandon, Mike Felton (public)
Gary, Meghan (absent)

Agenda Adjustments: Under new business: Little League update

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

Public Comment/Rec Center Concept Update discussion:

Ben visited the Wiscasset Rec Center. He sent us all notes from the visit/meeting with the Rec Director. The big take-away, the concept failed until they offered programs for Senior Citizens. They also offered community partnerships (towns that wanted to participate) /discounted rates in order to increase their revenue.

Annual operating cost: 830,000

Staff: 3 full-time, 40 part time

Revenue generated by: memberships, drop in fees, community partnerships, facility rentals, special events. Wiscasset provides 365,000 through local taxes. Yearly goal is to generate 450,000 in revenue.

They offer a variety of extra programs (i.e. yoga, karate).

Can we do something like this at a scale that would suit our community? Wiscasset has to justify their budget to the town each year. We would like to avoid that. It would be better for us to leave room to grow.

Oak Point can do some community outreach to see what the town would like to see in a Community Center.

Mike Felton brought this to the School Board. They are unsure if paying the architect is truly innovative and qualifies for funding from the School Fund that has been created. They are truly excited about the Rec Dept and the School working together. Mike is going to do a little bit more research. The earliest he can start work with Oak Point is July.

For both parties involved (School and Rec Department), our next step needs to be bringing in the 3rd party to complete the research.

Square footage on the soccer field is 48,000 square feet. Wetlands isn't an issue, if we stay within the "blue zone."

As a Rec Department, if we want to move quicker, we may have to move separately from the school. However, asking the town to approve two new buildings for similar purposes, may be difficult.

Can Boosters provide a down payment, so that Oak Point can start their Community Outreach sooner than July?

Old Business

1. Seniors Program Report: Shopping trip went well. Bus driver was a huge hit (they requested him back for next year.) Everybody got a goodie bag. 36 went. The trip season is over until June.

November luncheon went well. Herring Gut presented. December: 8th grade band.

2. Financial Report: Everything is in good shape. See attached.

3. Community Trip Update:

Downeaster tickets in April will be \$19 each again; we can round it up to \$20. In the past we have gone the Thursday of April vacation, but we can lock down the date in January.

ME/BC hockey trip on 2/22: We have 50 tickets reserved. Total cost is \$1800, which means \$36/ticket. If the Boosters pays for a part of the tickets, we can reduce the price for families. It would be ideal if we can reduce the per ticket price to \$25/ticket. We would like to get this finalized so we can advertise for Christmas.

4. 2018-19 Goals:

Ben created an Action Plan document for us to keep our goals in mind.

5. Youth Basketball

5/6 boys: Josh McPhail, Brandon Caron, Cody Heal are coaching (13 boys)

5/6 girls: Summer Ward and Josh Miller are coaching (12 girls)

Practices are underway. Games start in December (Saturday games).

¾ girls: 9 girls are signed up; Shasta Minery and Angie Vachon are coaching

¾ boys: 21 boys are signed up; Ben and Matt Falla will coach one team; Roni Hallowell and TBD to coach the other.

Clinic for ¾ from 9-10:30 on December 1. Practice starts the following week. Games start December 15

K-2 clinics: January 12, 19, 26, Feb 2 from 8:30-9:30.

Because we need two teams now for ¾ boys, should we get another sponsor or just two different color shirts for Clark Island? Two different shirts.

Does the Rec Dept sponsor a 5/6 travel team? In the past, the Boosters have sponsored one tournament for each team. Brian says there is interest, but we would need a coach. Ben will get tournament info for them.

Missy motions to approve all basketball coaches; Brian seconds; all in favor.

New Business

1. Ski Club: Rates are staying the same, dates too. If weather permits, we will start January 3. \$15 for lift ticket, \$15 for rental, \$15 for lessons. Jason Mattox will be the contact person.

2. Rec Center Concept: See public comment above.

3. Skating Rink Planning: Target date for set-up: at the beginning of Christmas break so that the basketball court can be used as late as possible. Due to Christmas, December 16 is our target. Ben will check with Mike and Joseph to see if this date works. Is it too late for fencing in the ground? Joseph Hufnagel is excited to help with set-up and maintenance.

4. Little League update: Ben will be doing scheduling and umpire scheduling, which will wave our fee into the League.

Can we move Little League softball to the big field so that the girls games can have concessions, more parking? All farm league practices/games at Landing field. Brian motions, Summer seconds, all in favor (Missy abstains)

Other Business

1. Executive session: none needed
2. Next meeting: December 10 at 6:00
3. Jaime motions to adjourn at 7:26; Missy seconds; all in favor