

FAIRFIELD RECREATION COMMITTEE

MONDAY SEPT 26 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting start 7:15pm

Present: John Baxter, Rick Haag, Mike Malone, Brenda Goodhue, Carol Lizotte

Absent: John Dasaro, Stacey Clark

Rick as vice chairperson oversaw meeting. Vote to approve proceeding with the meeting those present and Rick as chair for meeting: Mike motion, Carol second, unanimous approval.

Discussion on Recreation Account Balance and some planned expenditures before year end.

As a way to promote health activities in town, the Rec Committee discussed providing free admission for Fairfield residents to attend a weekly Yoga class and Zumba class in town.

Discussion news reports of various other towns having misappropriations of funds, with the Fairfield Town Clerk requesting that the Rec Committee be sure to follow accounting and meeting process.

The balance of the \$6000 Recreation & Building Facilities grant has some remaining funds to be expended to finish East Fairfield ball field and Fairfield infield rebuild. John reported that he will proceed to get the bases & home plate. Pea stone and boarder for "fields" in Fairfield Community Playground swing area will be replaced. Bleachers for East Fairfield and Fairfield will be researched, priced and purchased. John will proceed with door replacement for dugout shed.

Using Recreation Committee account there several expenditures were discussed approved and some items pending the October meeting for discussion after further research:

- \$250 Free Yoga Classes for Fairfield Residents – Mike motion, Rick second, unanimous approval
- Girls Club \$150 for balance of activity expenses for year – Brenda motion, John second, unanimous approval
- \$711.49 for new Gaming Club being facilitated in collaboration with the Bent Northrop Library – Mike motion, Brenda second, unanimous approval
- \$100 Photography Class being facilitated in collaboration with the Bent Northrop Library – Rick motion, John second, unanimous approval
- Snowshoe purchase (up to \$900) with use facilitated in collaboration with the Bent Northrop Library – Mike motion, Brenda second, unanimous approval
- To discuss next meeting after further research:
 - o Library bike rack and possibly Town Office bike rake. There may be funds in "park & ride" grant for bike rack. Library may have plans & funds for a bike rack.
 - o Signboard add on – A letter and slate replacement for the large 3'x5' wooden "Fairfield School" sign was suggested by Carol Lizotte as she has spent quite a bit of money over the years for poster board, tape and printer ink to do approximately 6 signs each year for six years. A moveable letter board would be an investment of \$400 to make this sign more useable and effective. Brenda questioned the broken lock on the signboard as necessary to prevent vandalism and unwanted

manipulation of letters, etc. John Baxter questioned the durability of sign and questioned if worth making this investment. Rick Haag suggested he will inquire of the woodworker who worked for the library, to give us an idea of what would need to be done to make the sign more usable.

- Batting Cage, like the one at Highgate Arena ball fields was discussed. Rick will investigate costs
- Sleds for recreational use in collaboration with Library and other town groups, was discussed. Rick will investigate types and costs.

Rick announced that Pat Hartnett had resigned from the committee this past July. Rick will write up a thank you press release to acknowledge his contribution.

Discussion of the recreation committee to vote on making the committee size 7 members instead of 11 members. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Fairfield PTO and the Bent Northrop Library are organizing a Halloween Party October 30th, with several events. One activity will be a "Trunk or Treat" competition and it was suggested that possibly the Recreation Committee could provide a prize for this event. The committee discussed and agreed a gift certificate would be provided by the Recreation Committee to help sponsor this community family event. A \$25 gift certificate to local vendor Chester's will be provided for this Halloween event. – Mike motion, Rick second, unanimous approval

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 11th 7pm

Adjourn 8:30pm