

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 09.28.22

Memorial Conference Room Town Hall

7:00pm

Attendees: Tracy McGraw, Christine Lavoie, David Shaw, Laura Jaynes, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Naomi Halter – School Board Representative, Camryn Gaumont – School Representative, Rick Greenier – MYA and Michelle Creswell

Parks and Recreation Staff: Matt Casparius, Director

Absent: none

Excused: Julie Poole, Phil Przybyszewski, Lon Woods - Town Council, Jonathan Barkley – Alternate MYA and Laurie Rothhaus – Alternate School Board Representative

Public: Andrew Johnson and Jason Johnson

Start time: 7:00pm

Open Meeting/Introduction

Approval of minutes from August 17th, 2022

- Laura Jaynes made the motion to accept the August meeting minutes
- Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
- 5-0-2 motion passed (abstained: Maureen Hall and David Shaw and not present at time of approval: Naomi Halter and Rick Greenier)

New Business:

- Eagle Scout Canoe and Kayak Project Proposal – Andrew Johnson, Troop 401
 - See presentation for full proposal of location for new canoe rack that holds 9
 - Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the Eagle Scout Canoe and Kayak Project Proposal and pass it to the Town Council
 - Laura Jaynes 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-1 motion passed (abstained: Rick Greenier – arrived late to hear presentation)

Old Business:

- Update from Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie/Tracy McGraw
 - Dog Park Fund Balance – \$1,693.59
 - Thanks to Triangle Credit Union for their donation
 - Respiratory virus status update: root cause is still unknown and please keep your dog home if your dog is sick
 - Looking for volunteers for fundraising events you can reach out to friendsofthemerrimackdogpark on Facebook or Matt Casparius
 - Donations for baggies for dog waste are always welcome

Director's Report: Matt Casparius

- Report on Wire Road/Route 3 Intersection Project Meeting
 - Input for project has been collected and final hearing still needs to occur
 - 5 options are being reviewed as well as reviewing options for sidewalks
- Fall Program Updates
 - 7 Bus Trips are planned
- Budget Preparations Begin
 - Planning for next year's budget presentation is underway
 - For Capital improvements that the Town Manager reviewed, included 3 Parks and Rec projects and only the Wasserman Park Rd Project was accepted and then it will go to vote next year

- Wasserman Park Update
 - Septic Line Failure – Public Works dug up the area to fix it and uncovered more issues with the piping system which are being addressed
 - Pickleball Courts – 8 more sets of blue pickleball lines were painted at the tennis courts
 - Bids will be out soon on 5 roof cabins
- Upcoming Special Events
 - Naticook Challenge 5K Race – Sat, Oct 1st at 8am – currently 80 runners are signed up and volunteers are needed from 7:15 - 9:15am
 - 30th Annual Halloween Party – Sat, Oct 29th from 12-3pm – currently 16 business and community groups are signed up and volunteers are needed from 11am - 3:30pm
- Other
 - Girl Scout Troop 11143 cleaned up Cabin 5 over the summer

Organization Reports:

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - Membership took place and it was a great turn out
 - Signs ups for upcoming events are currently going on
 - Annual Fall Fair – Oct 22nd at John O’Leary from 9am – 3pm
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Soccer, football, cheer and softball are currently in session
 - Basketball registration is open
 - merrimackyouthassociation.com
- School Representative – Camryn Gaumont
 - Asked if there was a possibility for a permanent pickleball court and Matt Casparius took that item for review
- Town Council – Lon Woods – not present
- School Board – Naomi Halter
 - New school year started and going well
 - Thornton’s Ferry playground held grand opening
 - Concession stand at the high school is open
 - Bricks are still available for sale
 - No school on Oct 7th for a Teacher Workshop Day and Oct 10th and Indigenous Peoples’ Day

Comments from the Public: none

Comments from the Committee: none

- Laura Jaynes will be here through December

Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, October 19th
- Wednesday, November 16th

Adjourn at 8:pm

- Maureen Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm
- Laura Jaynes 2nd the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Creswell