

Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2012 7:00 pm
Town Hall

Present: Dan Kehoe, Garth Bean, John Boiano, Sandy Moquin and Sherry York , Tom Paul (late 8:00)

Parks and Recreation Meeting: Called to order at 7:10 pm

Sandy Moquin accepted as new member of Commission

Finance Report:

| Current Year Budgeted | Current Year Expenditures | Encumbrances | Balance Remaining | |
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| \$34,000.00 | \$20,327.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,673.00 | Programs |
| \$44,934.00 | \$18,471.00 | \$1,003.00 | \$25,460.00 | Admin |
| \$13,300.00 | \$4,950.00 | \$840.58 | \$7,509.42 | Grounds |
| \$92,234.00 | \$43,748.00 | \$1,843.58 | \$46,642.42 | Total |

Current Year Finance Report approved by John Boiano and seconded by Dan Kehoe.

Budget for 2012/2013 worked on and reviewed by Sherry York and John Boiano submitted to the commission for approval at this meeting. As requested by the board of Finance and the Selectmen the budget was submitted with no increases and APRC plans to maintain the same level of spending. We will continue to explore new ways to expand our income. Motion to approve the 12/13 FY budget was made by John Boiano and seconded by Garth Bean.

Minutes from November were reviewed. (No meeting held in December) Motion to approve made by John Boiano, seconded by Garth Bean.

Meeting Schedule for 2012 was reviewed and distributed.

Evaluate Carol Sing –Clam Chowder soup too salty. More Candy for Santa needed. Babcock Band excellent 14 dozen rolls worked. Bring solid containers for left over soup and pot scrubbers. Caroling around the tree was fine, thank you to Mindy and Charlene our Carol leaders. Some asked about the trek to the senior housing. We will try again next year. (Sad too not include the seniors) Santa a big hit. No Breakfast with Santa this year may be folding, brings a few more kids to our event. Door Prizes nice. Continues to be one of our best events. Great community spirit.

Ashford Activator: Is at the printer now, delivery is scheduled in homes for Tuesday Jan. 17th. Need better coordination of logistics with delivery and Post Office requirements.

Winter Fun Day: will be Sun. Feb 12th at Horse Listeners Orchard from 12:00 until 3:00 pm. We hope to have Sledding, Skating, Snow Shoeing , Cross Country Skiing, no Sleigh Rides this year.

Ashford Open Skate at UCONN Jan 14th 2:15-3:45 and Feb 19th 3:00-4:30.

Programs: Zumba, and Basketball are going well. We plan to continue to offer Open Mic Night, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Youth Theater, Swimming, Tiny Tumblers, and Miss Kate's Musical Melodies this Spring.

Bus Trips: new format with town groupings to begin Jan. 2012. Mansfield and Windham will be grouped together. Ashford, Willington, Coventry, Tolland and Ellington will form another group. Plan is to have 2 buses going to the same place on the same day. A day on your own in Boston and NY are upcoming.

New Program Endeavor: Middle School Swim Club, Grades 5 & 6 to be transported to the Evangelical Christian Center after school on Mondays. Half hour of lesson and skill development and half hour of fun and games in the pool. Careful consideration of finances for this program is necessary due to the upfront expenses. It's a numbers game with participants and costs. We wont run it at a loss.

Upcoming Special Events: Sunday May 6th is Ashford School's Spring Jamboree. APRC is slotted to run the Dunk Tank and the Down pour Derby like we did two years ago. We will need to recruit the teachers to sit on the dunk tank.

NEW BUSINESS

No soccer played on our fields this year, all practices and games were played at Lyons field. No volunteers to line the fields. Concession stand has not been used for 3 seasons now by either group due to no volunteer leadership. We need to invite Paul Varga from Baseball and Lisa MacAdam from Soccer to our next meeting to discuss this. We take care of mowing and fertilizing they have always been responsible for lining their fields.

2014 Is Ashford's 300th Anniversary! How do we want to celebrate it? What does the Rec. Dept want to do ? Bill Falletti is heading a committee. What ideas have we seen done in other towns? Parades, Hot Air Balloons, Fireworks, Slide like at Slopers, Water Park, Mini Golf Course. Expanded Family Day Event etc. Discussion tabled for now. Garth Bean suggested a Road Race!

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Paul. Garth Bean seconded motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.