

Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2015

Present: Sherry York, Kim Ayers, Dan Kehoe, Sandra Moquin and Garth Bean

Call to Order at 7:00 P.M.

Public to be heard: none

Guest: Neil Gordon – potential future APRC Commissioner

Minutes from August Meeting: Dan made motion to accept and Kim seconded, 2 abstains. Minutes accepted.

Financial Report:

	Budgeted	Current Exp.	Balance Remaining
Recreation Prog.	34,000.00	11,470.14	22,500.00
Administrative	48,625.91	6,855.83	41,020.08
Grounds	13,300.00	816.10	11,628.60
Totals:	102,526.99	19,674.00	81,185.14

Dan made motion to accept Garth seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Program Update:

Summer Programs

Camp Out – This was a pleasant time for all. 7 tents set up on the auxiliary field, good weather, that evening also presented itself with a wonderful falling star show. We plan to do this next year as well.

Labor Day 5K – There were 106 runners - \$1540 collected in advance \$705 day of with a total of \$2,245. Expenses included \$712 to the “Last Mile Racing. Food \$163, prizes \$292, Tee shirts \$325 with a total expense of \$1493 leaving a net profit of \$752. Eric Parent did a wonderful job of organizing this event. A suggestion was given to make a shorter fun run for younger kids 1 lap verses the two laps that we had done. About 20 people competed from Ashford, 20 from the 169ers running club, and the remaining were from out of town. Spent \$85 Income \$45 Loss \$40, OK off sets by profit from Concert BBQ burgers and dogs and popsicle sales.

Parks Maintenance: The tables were repaired by Wayne Pekarovic

Water was left on at the tap with a loss of approximately 1000 gallons. Discussion had about changing out the taps to a “spring” auto shut off faucet as used in many parks. We may want to check the supply shop in Willington at the mill downtown. The Port-o-lets need hand sanitizer.

New Business:

Ashford Citizen – We discussed the use of this and having our events on the back page. We decided to continue using the Citizen and also website, use flyers at the school for events. Neil suggested using the Reminder for events because it reaches many people.

Upcoming Events

- **Family Day** – September 20th 1-4 P.M.

We will be doing the Frisbee Spin Art. We discussed power issue-Dan will bring his generator. Set up will be 11-11:30 Neil suggested having a table with our logo on it. Discussion had. Sherry will talk to Joan to see what we can get. We need to find out when we can get the tables and chairs because this depends on any event the night before. Sherry to check on this. Dan had brought the trailer over last year. Need town workers to load on Friday if possible. Family Day will be at the school if it’s a rainy day.

- **Bike Ride** – October 4th 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. – Garth will need people to sign up and help with this event. Sherry will get any items if necessary.
- **Halloween Party** – Friday, October 30th, 2015 – Garth – Donuts, Sandra – Arts and crafts with assistance from Kayla. We discussed other possible activities to engage a lot of children at one time. Suggestions included – soccer balls aimed at a target, balloon badminton, musical chairs and cup stacking. Further ideas at next meeting.
- **Fall Programs**
 - Swim Lessons – started today (September 14th)
 - Soccer starts on Wednesday – September 16th
 - Gymnastics – started today
 - Ice Skating at U-Conn – they are not renting to groups any more we discussed using 3 places for these sessions – Bolton Ice Palace, U-Conn (Open Skate) and Pomfret skating rink

Motion to Adjourn – Kim made motion to adjourn Garth seconded, all in favor. We adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Minutes taken by Sandra Moquin, and electronically submitted to Sherry York