

Ashford Parks and Recreation
June 21st, 2016
Meeting Minutes

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

Guest: Erica Duplessi

Call to Order: Kim Ayers called the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Public to be Heard: Erica Duplessi – Erica is from Ashford and has an interest in joining the A.P.R.C. Erica works for the Vernon Y.M.C.A. – Indian Valley – in Vernon, Connecticut. She is here to see the “inner workings” and how she could help out.

Financial Report :

	Budgeted	Current	Balance Remaining
Recreation	34000.00	28151.00	5848.00
Administrative	48625.91	43587.00	3368.00
Grounds	13300.00	11407.00	1693.00
Totals:	95925.91	83145.00	6379.00

Income: 40,828 – cleared, camp income, football players still owe for 6 weeks

June 30th is the fiscal year end

Employee benefits issue was discussed and will need more information from town of Ashford.

Motion: Eric made motion to accept the financial report, Dan seconded and all in favor. Motion passed.

May Minutes: Eric made motion to accept the May minutes and Kim seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Chair Person’s Report: Kim was pleased with the “all hands on deck” at the Spring Jamboree. Injury follow-up was discussed. Dunk tank – we discussed the need to administer tickets differently (some tickets used twice from discarded on the ground). We will re-visit this and will need to know how much this brings in.

Old Business:

- **Program Update –**
Swimming Lessons/Club – This made money. Joan Celotti not charging the A.P.R.C. for the bus driver this will be paid from the school. This is the second year that she has not charged the A.P.R.C.
- **Scholarship Update –** The Lions Club renewed by \$3000. This scholarship is not used for any other program.
- **Summer Camp Update -** We are making this work. As of this writing 15 last week and 22 this week and have not lost anyone yet. Melissa does the am shift and Sherry York does the p.m. shift. Caylin Balogh – full-time. Carrie is the bus driver. We have a paid Life-guard. Halls Pond in Willington cost \$100.00 for 2 days. (Tuesday and Thursday) Also planned is a trip to Dinosaur State Park. Kim suggested a survey done at the end of the program – Kids like? parents like? and will they do this again? Rick Marlin had reserved some tennis rackets from the transfer station – “put and take” for use at the camp. We are grateful for this thoughtfulness.
- **Archery Tournament:** This went well. There were 60 archers, no injuries. We stuck with the layout plan – shooting at the hill. Rain on Saturday and Sunday had wind.

New Business:

- **Eric Parent** – Eric Parent said that he will be resigning as a Commissioner from the Parks and Rec. He regretfully has much on his plate at this time; however he would be interested in re-joining at a later date. He mentioned that he would still be in charge of the “Labor Day 5K” event.
- **Status on Parks Maintenance** – Gardens done. We thank Joe for watering for us. We also thank Rick for weeding and clean-up. We will need bee spraying, new mulch (next year), also need bigger rocks for “quad proofing” at AMP entrance.
- **Summer Concerts** – The concerts will be advertised in the Citizen. We will need volunteers for food (Mexican) at concert on July 12th. No other Town organizations picked up this concert.
Food – We discussed a Taco food plan for the Fiesta Del Norte concert
- **Other Summer Programs:** Girl Power, Bike Camp, Ashford Adventure Camp Trip (Brownstone Park w/Willington on August 5th. Brownstone requiring a deposit (non-refundable) with a minimum of 25 people – this park has zipline, wake boarding and also rock climbing. Camp out is August 19th.
Labor Day 5K; Eric will continue to assist/organize this event. Eric sent an e-mail to the Last Mile Racing and this will go up on their websites. Sponsors – Needed.
Dog Training – Thursday nights – John Phillips
Bus Trips – James Taylor has sold out
Whale watching is on July 29th.
- **October Event:** The Ashford Metric Bike ride will take place on October 2nd. We discussed having this start at the Senior Center but however we are unable to do this due to the food requirements,(warmers) room for preparation etc. On a Sunday the cost for the Janitor at the school is \$400.
- **Vacation:** Sherry’s Vacation is June 25th to July 2nd, 2016
- **Next Meeting:** We will meet Tuesday July 19th after the concert in the park.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Kim, Sandra seconded, all in favor.

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