

Peterborough Recreation Committee (PRC) Meeting  
Peterborough Town House  
Minutes of June 6, 2017  
Approved

Attendees: Andrew Dunbar, Chair; Heather McClusky, Vice Chair; Chris Kotula; Kate Coon, Jeffrey M. King, Recreation Director; Lisa Koziell-Betz, Program Coordinator and Minute Taker

- I. Call to Order:
  - a. The meeting began as part of the Peterborough Selectmen Meeting that was called to order at 5pm. The PRC then broke off at 5:40pm and continued the meeting in another room after the vote was taken on issuing Cunningham Pond passes to non-residents.
  - b. For notes regarding the first 40 minutes, please go to the Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting. In summary, the BOS and PRC approved the distribution of 100 Cunningham Pond stickers to non-residents at the price of \$100/sticker.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Chris moved to approve the 2017 May Minutes as written, Heather seconded. Unanimously approved.
- III. Director's Report:
  - a. Jeff offered a brief overview that this past month has been "rough" with the weather issues, working with the budget freeze as well as a whole host of other issues.
    - i. This past weekend, Jeff noted that over 1,000 people participated in PRD activities – between an adult softball tournament, boy scout and cub scout campouts, 5 home youth lacrosse games, drumming, pickleball, the Solar Sprint that occurred on Friday as well as senior lunch and Interact activities. There was a lot going on for the PRD!
    - ii. Roland had emergency surgery on Saturday morning and is doing well. His absence has put us a bit behind regarding pool issues, mowing, repairing vandalism etc.
  - b. The Playground Program is seeing some good numbers registration wise.
  - c. Registration for Summer Teen Challenge is a little slow right now.
  - d. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Farm Fresh 5K road race is next Wednesday
  - e. The implementation of non-resident Cunningham Pond stickers will begin on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. There are many factors that we will have to watch with the implementation of this new program....the effect of extra traffic at Cunningham Pond, lifeguards – how it affects them, parking, rentals, maintenance issues etc.
    - ii. Some discussion ensued about the debate at the Selectmen's meeting and the rationale of keeping the price at \$100/sticker and limiting the quantity to 100. There are many factors that need to be kept track of so a good price point/distribution amount can be determined next year.
  - f. It was mentioned that the schools will be billed for the use of PRD properties for their school extracurricular sports. This is new. The exact amount has not been determined yet.
  - g. Outdoor lighting on the PRD softball/baseball fields need addressing. There are some serious issues that cannot be avoided anymore. With the weather, however, there has been a delay in getting them fixed.
    - i. Monies for the repairs will come out of the adult softball line item.
    - i. The equipment for the repairs needs to come in when the ground is much drier.
    - ii. Estimated cost? Around \$5,000.
  - h. Vandalism is up.
    - i. The PRD ordered some graffiti remover.
    - ii. Someone tried to burn a roll of toilet paper at Cunningham Pond.

- iii. We have some cameras but they do not pan out to capture the bigger picture. Monetarily, it is worth getting more cameras? Plus, it takes an exorbitant amount of time to review the pictures - which is another consideration.
      - iv. Our insurance deductible is \$1,000 and the damage to the basketball court came to \$700. This is something else to consider.
    - i. Heather asked about the sign-ups for the 5K. Chris said the course was hard but it was a good event overall. 43 folks signed up (between the ages of 8 and 65), most of them finished despite being a hot day and the course itself in challenging.  
The sponsors, Bowling Acres Grille and the Farmer's Market seemed to be pleased with the event.
      - i. The next race is Wednesday, June 14th.
      - ii. The shirts are nice.
      - iii. Conflicts with the Monadnock Milers – for they run on Wednesday night. Not sure much can be done about that because of the promotion of the Farmer's Market which only happens on Wednesday. The Milers could participate.
    - j. The Youth Softball playoffs are this weekend. The lacrosse teams are going to Amherst to participate in a tournament. This year, the CV LAX teams placed well in their divisions....both ConVal varsity coaches coached for the PRD LAX program and many of the kids played for the PRD program.
    - k. Cal Ripken paid the remainder of their balance last week. A little bit of negotiating/persistence had to happen, but the bill is now paid in full.
      - i. The next quandary will be if the PRD gets approached for sandlot baseball this summer.
      - ii. Do we charge?
- IV. Reorganization of the Committee:
  - a. Heather nominated Andy for the Chair, Chris seconded, unanimous approval.
  - b. Heather nominated herself for Vice-Chair, Chris seconded, unanimous approval.
  - c. Chris nominated himself for Secretary, Heather seconded, unanimous approval.
  - d. Kate was welcomed as a new member.
  - e. The Committee still has one open seat.
- V. Adjournment:  
Heather motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. With unanimous approval, at 6:30pm, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 7, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Koziell-Betz,

Minute Taker

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