



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2016

Location: LTH, Town Hall, 1 Main Street

Attendees: Rich Gazoorian, Paul Pirozzi, Rick Lacross, Bonnie Flink

Guests: Eddie Evans (Assistant Principal, BVT), Matt Urquhart (Assistant Principal, BVT),
Debbie Amorelli

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM
2. Minutes for the February 4, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Minutes from the February 18, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Matt Urquhart and Eddie Evans, both Assistant Principals at Blackstone Valley Tech approached the Commission to discuss Community Service Project Opportunities. On March 23rd from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM members of the senior class at BVT (roughly 291 students) will be performing various community service projects throughout 13 different communities. Matt and Eddie came to see what projects the Town of Upton could benefit from. We would have approximately 25-40 students providing different services. Suggestions made included: Kiwanis Beach cleanup and painting of dugout, Town Common clean up, and Manicures/Pedicures for seniors. Eddie and Matt believe that this is an excellent opportunity for the students to give back to the communities that support the school and reinforce the value of a strong work ethic in the students. Motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the offer from BVT to assist the town with various projects. Bonnie will be contacting them further to discuss details of what will be provided. On another note, Rich mentioned to Eddie and Matt that the Recreation Commission would like to build a concession stand at Kiwanis Beach sometime in the next year or two. He was wondering if there would be any interest from the school to employ various students to oversee the concession stand once it is up and running. Both agreed this would be a positive collaboration.
5. Rich introduced Debbie Amorelli to the Commission. She attended the meeting to familiarize herself with the Commission and possibly run for the open seat once Paul Pirozzi finishes his term.
6. Rich informed the Commission that the Kiwanis Beach parking lot project won final approval from the town. Rich explained that when a project receives final approval and a written ruling has been made, there is a 21 day period when such approval can be appealed. A call has been received from a resident informing the town that they plan to appeal the decision.
7. Chris Hadfield's request for summer field usage was reviewed. The Board has reached out to Mr. Hadfield several times for further information, but has not received a reply. At this time the Commission will table this topic until Mr. Hadfield renews interest in the request.

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8. Request from Girls Basketball for Court Usage was discussed. Further research to be done.
9. Bonnie reported on the latest news with the Kids at Play program. There have been a large number of applications for summer positions open in the program. Bonnie and the program directors conducted two days of interviews this week and will be continuing with more next week. She noted that the program does not need any equipment at this time, but will need arts and crafts supplies as well as t-shirts. Rich provided an update on the program as well. Pickle Ball will be taught at the Kids at Play program this summer. He is hoping to see a ropes course developed as a Scout project. They will also be looking into purchasing paddle boards and paddles for another program activity. Rich also mentioned that he would like to see the program expand in other directions as well. For example, possibly starting a Math and Science program next year. Bonnie will look into that further.
10. Bonnie reported that the summer Concert Series has been completely booked. Concerts will be running from June 23rd through July 28th . Tentatively, the following bands will be playing:
 - June 23, 2016 The Shana Stack Band
 - June 30, 2016 Patrick Nigro
 - July 7, 2016 Overdrive Horns
 - July 14, 2016 Boogaloo
 - July 21, 2016 Classic Groove
 - July 28, 2016 Houston Bernard
11. Further research continues on the subject of a Port-o-Pottie at Leland Field
12. Financials were reviewed. Detailed reporting available from League Athletics for on-line registrations was provided in order to more fully assess which programs have been most successful in the past. Rich expressed his desire to see the financial details watched even more closely in the future, especially in light of the future expansion of programs. He will be addressing the Personnel Board at their next meeting to discuss the possibility of getting someone in to manage the financial aspect of the programs.
13. The Nipmuc Adult Co-Ed Volleyball program was discussed. There have been several cancellations recently. Bonnie will be contacting the Instructor to discuss her availability.
14. Rich to contact Robert Migliaccio at Sunset Sound and Security regarding security cameras on the cupola at Kiwanis Beach.
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:16. Next meeting set for Thursday, April 14, 2016