Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7:00 PM

Members of Voluntown Recreation Commission:

Lloyd VanLanen, Chairman Melinda Bryan, Secretary

Michael Magario Chuck Salter
Peter Cassidy Belinda Wiese
Marc Pelletier Kevin Woodcock

Tammy VanLanen, Treasurer

Absent: None

Guests: Tracy Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Pete made the motion to approve the minutes Marc seconded. The minutes from the last meeting have been approved.

Old Business

Basketball Court

DEF is coming August 5th at 8:30pm to adjust lights. Need a new pole – broke when they pulled it out. Van will contact John Faulise about fence and pole. Possibly put another gate in at that location.

Walking Track

The tentative start date for the repair of the walking track will be the 3rd week in August and it should only take 3 days.

Eagle Scout Project

Devin's Eagle Scout project has been approved. Devin will start the long jump pit on August 10th and is looking for volunteers.

New Business

Playground Equipment/Swings

Pete made the motion to replace swings and equipment that needs to me replaced for safety reasons. Chuck seconded. The commission will inspect and assess to see if the wood chips need to be replaced. Belinda to contact "Old Castle" to get a quote on wood chips.

Trunk or Treat

Melinda contacted Stacey Curry to see if she was interested in organizing Trunk or Treat again this year and she agreed. Tammy made the motion to have Stacey organize it and Chuck seconded.

Proposed Programs 2016

Melinda and Tammy presented a "Proposed Programs" spreadsheet to the commission.

Kevin made a motion to approve a "work in progress" proposed recreation commission programs for the year. Programs will be added/deleted/approved as events are firmed up. Chuck seconded.

Chuck and Van may represent the recreation commission at the "Back to School Farmer's Market" on August 23rd.

Kevin made the motion to approve Zumba and Yoga classes if instructors and facilities are secured. Chuck seconded. (Unanimous)

Chuck Salter proposed that a basketball clinic be held on Saturdays from September through October for children in grades 5 – 8 (home school children are invited as well). Chuck Salter and Ed Duncan would be running the clinic at the school if the gym were available. Tammy made the motion and Belinda seconded. (Unanimous)

Correspondence

General Discussion

Tracey Hansen said that the town has contacted the state police regarding issues at Finn Beach. Tammy made a motion that all recreational supported facilities (Constitution Field, playscape, walking track and Finn Beach) be designated as non-smoking areas from June 15 to September 15th. Melinda seconded the motion. The recreation commission will purchase signs to place at all recreational supported areas. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Marc made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Van seconded. (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted by Melinda Bryan