
ROCKPORT RECREATION COMMITTEE

February 6, 2019
9:00AM
Midcoast Recreation Center

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members- Suzanne Johndro, Craig Wilson, Barrett Brown
Others- John Novak, Megan Day, Brian Fitzpatrick

Approve Oct. 2018 Meeting Minutes

Craig motions to approve minutes from Oct. 18, Barrett seconds, approved unanimously.

Review Bylaws created April 2017

Barrett motions to approve bylaws, Craig seconds, approved unanimously.

Elect Officers

Barrett motions to postpone officer elections until the April meeting, Craig second, approved unanimously.

Update on Field Scheduling Software

Brandy Hare from Public Works emailed an update:

"After doing a bunch of research and going through demos.. I narrowed it down to two companies, RecField and EZ Facilities. Both are comparable in pricing at about \$1200 a year- but RecDesk has some set up fees that the other doesn't.

I did put that money in the budget we submitted to the Town Manager, in hopes of getting it approved. -Brandy"

Committee recommends the schedule is view only to the public, that the scheduling is managed by Brandy or another designated town employee. The committee will create a list of organizations that have historically used the fields and suggests they are given priority.

Marge Jones Update

(John Novak)-Last summer and fall Infields were raked and weeded and are looking better. There is currently infield mix at MJ, we will need mound clay and Turface® for the spring. Babe Ruth outfield needs irrigation to help the

seed take root. Joh will contact Mike Young (Public Works) with a punch list for opening the fields.

Little League dates are not determine yet, but Barrett informed us they usually have inside practices through the week after April Break, trying to get on the field as soon as they are ready and first games April 29. LL will be organizing a field clean up day again as they did the last two years.

Suzanne will talk to Matt Smith (Ass. Principal at CRMS) about getting \$ and time from their field maintenance budget to be used at Marge Jones, as they will be using the fields for middle school baseball and softball. Ask

Suzanne will ask Mike about budget for a town equipment shed at Marge Jones to house facility equipment.

Review Budget

No budget information. Craig will ask Jeff Hamilton (Selectman and liaison to the committee) about the budget.

Discuss Recreation Opportunities

Pickleball is a growing sport, MRC is considering outdoor pickle ball courts and will bring a proposal to the committee to consider recommending town involvement.

Consider recommending a brochure to promote recreation, maybe combine with Camden Parks and Rec. Possible options, combine with Rockport Parks, and Pathways committee, chamber of commerce, various land trusts, etc.. Add to agenda next month.

New Business

RES East Field: Barrett (and Brian) will tell LL they need a shed of some sort to put equipment in.

Suggestions for Annual Review Writeup

Include a thank you to John Novak, clean up day with over 50 attendants, eagles scout project.

Approve Future Meeting Date, Time and Location

March 6, 2019

9:00AM

MRC

Adjourn

10:20