

OCTOBER 2014

Attendance: Joe Raleigh, Linda Cross, Eugene Lavoie, Betsy Fournier, Patti Jo Walker, Jack Hubbard, Sara McGuire, Jon Neilsen, and Alicia Bourdeau

Absent: Marka Cheney

Guests: N/A

BF open meeting at 6:05pm on October 20, 2014

Agenda review: nothing to additional.

SM motion to approve September minutes. PJW second. All approve. Motion carries.

Field & Maintenance Report- (LC)

- Garage ceiling is finished and ready to insulate, should be able to complete next week.
- The garden storage shed is complete.
- Obtained a quote for a volleyball system, awaiting another. This system has been approved for use with the central school gym floor for adult volleyball.
 - The system is flexible when it comes to height adjustments, can be used for youth volleyball, tennis, badminton, etc., possibility of the PE programs use it as well.
 - JH & LC to speak with Dustin King, and see if they are willing to assist funding the purchase of the system.
- JR made a motion to wait to purchase the airless paint sprayer (Ecoliner- battery operated) in March 2015, JN second, All approve. Motion carries.
 - Warrant begins on DOP of the equipment, no use wasting the warranty while it sits in the garage over the winter months.

Directors report- (JH)

~Soccer~

- Soccer season came to an end this weekend with the annual Jamboree.
- Season itself was a success, a few points to improve on:
 - More Coaches
 - Separate boy & girls? – depends on the #'s (grade $\frac{3}{4}$)
 - Separate by skill?
 - Get Ref's together prior to the start of the jamboree and explain our rules & regulations so there is no confusion.
- St. Albans coach noted they were really impressed and happy with the Jamboree and are more than willing to help out next year!
- We are really in need of new goals for the lower field. Quotes will be obtained for 1 lg set and 2 small sets with Allstate nets. The quantities and sizes TBD based on price.

~Rec Run & Walk~

- Successful event once again. JH to write a thank you letter to Dick Thompson who did a wonderful job helping to make the event a success.

~Fall Festival~

- Scheduled for 10/25/14 from 1-3pm as the last outdoor activity for the season.
- Games & events
 - Costume contest, Halloween related activities, leaf pit, grave yard, goodie bags
 - Jaz Entertainment can't be there, but they are letting us use their slide.
 - Food- popcorn balls, popcorn, rice krispie treats, brownies, etc.

- MVU Trunk or Treat was scheduled (after our event) for the same time, in order to make this a success we need to advertise daily (FB, website, WW)
- expected rainy weather will not help the cause.

~Gymnastics~

- Due to historical issues with parents, Swanton Rec will be taking over the control of registrations and dealing with parents, this was Deb can focus on coaching.
- Topics that will change:
 - New rules and regulations sheet
 - New registration form
 - Sign in/out sheet
 - List of approved people to pick up children
 - Medical release form- allergies, etc.

-Basketball /coaches~

- We are happy with the current options for coaches; however we are still in need of an Itty bitty coach.
- Itty bitty/Pre-K/K will begin Jan. 3rd
- JH to meet with DK to discuss practice times and gym availability.
- Start season Nov. 10th, first 2 practices will be evaluations to determine between skills teams & travels teams (Grade 2,3,4)
- Registration ends Nov 1.
- Jamboree Feb 14th? JH to discuss with DK.
- Currently registration form states that our programs are only available to Swanton residents, needs to be amended to include towns that do not have programs (Franklin).
 - So JH will send out a mass email/FB/Ad alerting Swanton residents that we will not be accepting late registrations (Grade 2,3,4) past Nov 1st, so we can allow Franklin residents the opportunity to register to play.
 - JH to determine what other towns offer Itty Bitty/ pre-K / K age level basketball programs and offer them space as well (a Sheldon woman is interested and will coach).

-Budget meeting review (BF)-

- We have not increased our budget (with the exception of the insurance requirement) in ages.
- Based on many previous discussions, it has been noted that we are in need of an additional facility for indoor activities (basketball etc) and based on the way grants work, a match is needed to be eligible for monies.
- It was suggested that we add a line item for a Capital reserve fund and continue to do so over the next X # of years, and then after X time, we will have a grant match.
- PJW motions to add a line item in the amount of \$5000 for Capital reserves for the 2015 budget, for a total budget of \$104,925. AB second, all approve. Motion carries.

- Budget- (PJW)

- Soccer registrations were up by \$645!
- Zumba numbers are still down.
- Collected ~\$375 from the food booth during the soccer jamboree.

Next meeting-

- November 17th, 2014 at 6pm.

- 7:40pm Enter into executive session.
- 7:47pm exit executive session.

BF motion to close the meeting at 7:47pm. AB second. All approve. Motion carries.

-Minutes recorded by AB.