

Tana Babbitt not in attendance
Cid Cidado in attendance
Kathleen DeGrandis in attendance
Charlie Hammond in attendance
Mike McDonald Chairman in attendance
Elizabeth Nikiciuk not in attendance
Robert Benton in attendance

Jennifer Hruniak Director in attendance
Anne Daley Program Director in attendance

Re: Recreation Committee meeting Tuesday February 12, 2008

Meeting commenced 7:04 pm

REVIEW AND VOTE ON JANUARY MINUTES

Kathy motioned to accept minutes, Bob seconded, all in favor, January minutes accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Jennifer passed out a copy of the revised budget proposal that will be submitted from David Colton to the Finance Committee. The budget has been decreased to \$94,700 from the \$102,900 that Jennifer originally requested. This decrease of \$8,200 is mainly cut from pool salaries. Storage, gas and advertising have also been cut. Jennifer said David Colton wants this 8,200.00 difference funded out of the revolving account.

Jennifer mentions that maybe we should charge for programs like the Egg Hunt to make sure we cover our costs. Cid believes that the Egg Hunt is not a good program to charge a fee. He believes it may turn people away if we charge. He feels we should charge or increase fees on more structured activities.

Kathy realizes the Town Administrator has the right to adjust the budget but as a citizen and a board member she is disappointed he decreased the department's budget request. Kathy said when we voted in Prop 2½ part of that was to fund the Recreation Budget and keep us whole not to depend on volunteers.

Cid asked Jennifer if she had contacted the SE Regional about printing. Jennifer called the SER about the Tee Ball brochure that needs to be printed and tri folded. They do not fold so Jennifer will call with the next one that does not need folding.

WILLIAMS AND WASHINGTON STREET FEASABILITY STUDY UPDATE

Mike said we are having some difficulties with CDM relative to receiving the information we need in a timely manner. Mike spoke to John Kissida and explained the situation. Jennifer said Heather and John called her about the problem. John explained everything needs his approval before it is sent out so he feels it may have been held up. John also thanked Recreation for bringing this delay to his attention and has since rectified the situation. Pat hunt emailed Jennifer with the changes that need to be made to the proposals given to the CPA Committee. Heather will make the changes and send the new information to Jennifer.

GROUP SUMMARY DISCUSSION FROM SATURDAY 2/9/08 WILLIAMS STREET SITE WALKTHROUGH

Mike said he met at the Williams Street site with Tana, Bob, Cid, Jennifer and Anne. We walked the land and discussed the cleanup of the site and the positioning of the fields and the playground. Mike said this is a great opportunity and a great piece of land. Jennifer said she will be sending Doug King a letter asking if he will help clean up and level the field. The DPW said they will start working on it as soon as we let them know.

NEW PLAYGROUND OPPURTUNITY UPDATE

Jennifer said she was approached by Colleen Corona about an opportunity for a playground at the Williams Street Site. The family of Victoria Snelgrove, who sadly lost her life at the Red Sox Rally, has set up a fund called the Torie Fund. This money is used to build playgrounds in Victoria's name in area communities. Jennifer visited two playgrounds they built and said they were fairly large. They are much larger than the original one we were going to build. Jennifer and Anne will meet with Victoria's family Friday 2/15/08 at 12:15 in the Mary Connolly Room if any would like to attend.

SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

Mike said next meeting we will discuss spring and summer programs. Mike asked Jennifer to provide the board with projections on the programs at the next meeting.

HEALTHY EASTON COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Ann Agurcis approached Jennifer about forming a Healthy Easton Committee. She is looking for community support and would like Jennifer to sit on the community. Cid said he knew Ann and would be interested in working with Jennifer on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer contacted the SERD Committee and asked if they would like to be involved in fundraising for the Town Pool. Robin Hourigan responded and said SERD will be having a meeting to discuss the spending of the SERD funds. They will also discuss having an opening day celebration with a barbeque, family clean up, and soliciting donations in the community.

Jennifer was contacted by Elite Sports Ventures to use the Union Ville Field. They would like to have an adult flag football league. Jennifer has sent them a facility request but would like to know what they should be charged. Jennifer said we have never charged in the past but is this something we would like to do. The board agrees we should charge to rent the field. Bob said that Pop Warner pays \$250 for 4 hours and \$3500.00 for the weekend to play on the turf at Stonehill. The board agreed that a \$250.00 charge for 44 hours is a fair amount.

Jennifer wrote a letter of support for the Stadium Project. The commission reviewed it and approved it for publication in the Easton Journal.

Jennifer said she put two new forms on the Town Website. A program evaluation form and a financial aid form. We changed the process to apply for financial aid. Applicants will have to go one step further to submit a letter for extra proof they need financial aid. Mike said he thinks they are both a terrific idea.

Jennifer met with the Easton Commission on Disabilities. They would like to bring more programs for disabled children. Jennifer will attend the next meeting.

Mike said he spoke with Mark Murphy he would like to return this year to supervise the Summer Program for four weeks and Cj Neely who was the Assistant Supervisor last year would like to cover the other two. Mike said Mark did a great job for years and he has no problem with him returning. Anne said CJ also did a great job and the both bring a large following of kids with them. There have already been calls asking if they will be returning.

Anne asked if we still want to run the concerts. Mike said it is a tradition and we should continue them. Mike said the Stonehill account should be used to finance the concerts. Also we should ask for donations to help cover the cost.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Approval of February Minutes

Mike McDonald, Chairman

Anne Daley, Program Director

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Next meeting

Approval of Minutes

Mike McDonald Chairman

Anne Daley