

Recreation Commission meeting Monday, January 24, 2011

Tana Babbitt in attendance
Robert Benton in attendance
Jennifer Gallagher in attendance
Erin Gianni in attendance
Charlie Hammond in attendance
Bill O'Neill not in attendance
Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chair in attendance

Anne Daley in attendance

Meeting commenced at 7:05PM

Review and Vote on December Minutes

The meeting minutes of December 10, 2010 were reviewed. Bob motioned to accept, Charlie seconded, all in favor, minutes accepted.

Ilisabeth Smith Bornstein attended to discuss a tot playground in another area of Easton. Toddler playgrounds are sized to be safe for exploration by the 1 – 3 year old age child. Include such structures as “pirate ship”, turtle. Area may be entirely fenced to contain the “escape artists” in that age group. She noted this was in the brain storming stages, and felt that Moms Club, the Y, the Children’s museum, and other groups would support. Elizabeth suggested possible locations would be Pine Street – Eastondale playground, Church Street – but parking is along the street, Peterson field, but access is not as easy. The Eastondale neighborhood would like a play structure. Erin also suggested checking out Torie’s place, and Ilisabeth felt that Torie’s place is more geared to 4-5 year olds. Charlie also suggested the Center school, but that location is not good for during school hours. Town pool area may also have some space for a toddler playground, but it is also in North Easton. The board stated that funding for such a project would have to come from grants and fund raising, since the Recreation department’s budget does not have funds for this, and CPC funds would probably not be available for this. Ilisabeth will drive by parcels as snow melt permits. Ilisabeth also requested that playground areas in town be added to Recreation’s website; including those Recreation does not oversee.

New Business

Run for Recreation discussed Date is March 6th. Sponsor Letter requests have been sent. Sponsors are coming in already, along with gift certificates and items for goody bags. Middle school is not available due to Church using the building, Parkview school will be new location, will re-route race course. Register at CoolRunnings.com. 7:30AM for volunteers. Bob Benton offered to be race starter. Bagels, fruit, etc to be ordered. Use signs and banners from last year, if we can locate them. Erin suggests a DJ. Perhaps the “activate Easton” group can be used as a source for volunteers.

CPA Update

Bill and Tana attended last CPC meeting. Tana gave some update: Friends Crossing parcel was presented by Brad from Town planning, and David Colton. No deed was produced still though CPC had requested at their previous meeting. As Recreation commission members we reiterated Receptions stand on supporting funding for evaluating the parcel for feasibility for multi-use recreational fields at Friends Crossing. "Multi- purpose" being key for best town use.

A Chestnut Street parcel may be available, and would be able to have 3 full fields.

Erin suggests a 2 acre parcel for a pocket park may be available on Guinivere.

Winter Programs

Anne reported on the winter programs. Skiing has 23, 95 to go tubing on school scheduled ½ day to Amesbury Sports Park. Snow days are affecting some programs. John Quattrucci Easton Journal sports editor wants to promote youth sports. Requests photos, players of the week, and many other ideas. Tee ball/ pre baseball flyers are out. Elizabeth requested Anne distribute summer camp flyers. Anne says they are ready except field trip destinations are not final. Some trampoline places – eg Skyzone were suggested.

New Business

Charlie suggested a Curling activity at Yardley Wood rink. Received with a lot of enthusiasm!

Erin motioned to adjourn, Bob seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM

Next Meeting Tuesday February 15th, 2011 7PM

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chair

Tana Babbitt