

South Hadley Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2019
Recreation Department Office – Town Hall

Presented by Recreation Director Andrew Rogers

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 5:10pm by PD. Attendance: PD, DM, BJ, RC, MZ.
Staff: AR. Excused: DS, BC, RK.
2. **Minutes of April 9, 2019:** Approved: RC/MZ. 5-0.
3. **Bills Payable:** Approved as presented. DM/BJ. 5-0. There was a note by PD about an error with a column having deposit posted to an expense column. RC asked a question about how the \$10,000 limit on an revolving account works. Provided we can justify what the money is, we can have more than that. An example is right now, we are taking registrations for summer and fall programs so we have more than that amount.
4. **Correspondence:** AR reviewed the correspondence from the previous month. Of note was a playground inspection at Woodlawn Field/COA where some of the equipment is outdated. With the new COA project, that area is going to be used for that building anyways. The bike/skate park is up for inspection later this summer. It was noted that AR received a complaint about K-2 lacrosse being cancelled several times due to rain on Friday and Sunday nights the first two weeks. The former tennis account was closed, and a donation was made to the department.
5. **Schedule of Events:** The schedule of events was reviewed. AR asked a question about marketing as some of our programs are not as full as we would like for the summer. Some noted they see the Facebook posts while others have said they don't have Facebook. We will continue to try and have monthly discussions with the Town Reminder to get stories about upcoming events.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Dog Park:** The Dog Park is being moved across the street, away from the driving range. The reason is there was a stream that was running through the proposed park.
 - b. The discussion to name Beachgrounds #2 after Bart Giamatti was further discussed. RC mentioned the baseball committee was struggling with numbers at the moment, so they didn't expect much support or help at this point. AR will find out if its allowable to have the town send out this notice to Mr. Giamatti's children.
 - c. A discussion was had about the Easter Egg Hunt. We had to cancel due to rain Easter weekend and it was rescheduled. DM said he has four of his daughter's friends help with some other folks and it went well. Thanks to Dave's daughter for playing the role of Easter Bunny. It seemed like a positive event and thanks was given to Danielle for her work.
 - d. Spring sports were discussed. AR mentioned some issues specific to Suburban Baseball and games versus Hampden. Our team was accusing them of having illegal players and some of our parents/coaches were quite loud about it. PD had heard a different story from a Hampden parent! RC noted that the U11 Boys were placed in D1 for ROOTS soccer and that was clearly the wrong division. BJ mentioned how some of that works with the league, and it sounds like we can say no to a D1 placement in the future.

- e. The upcoming fireworks scheduled for July 3 were discussed. AR said there will be no opening band this year, as it didn't seem to bring any extra early attendance. There was some discussion about the various food options and looking at bringing in outside vendors. This was agreed to be studied for 2020. It was mentioned that the Granby Charter Days had jousting and other activities that we could do in the future.

7. New Business:

- a. Football and cheerleading seem to be in a good place this fall, and the numbers should be good. DM mentioned some concern about field hockey as there are a large number of eighth graders and there is an eighth grade waiver for the high school team this fall. It seems like Holyoke may be a good fall back if we don't have enough kids. There was a long discussion about the ROOTS soccer and division placements and team sizes for the fall. It was decided to go with:
 - i. U9 Boys – 14 registered & 1 on waitlist. Will have 1 team and the one on waitlist will have the option to play in the recreation league.
 - ii. U9 Girls – 18 registered. Will have 2 teams, have discussed with Roots and they will allow the teams in the same division.
 - iii. U10 Boys – 20 registered. Will have 2 teams in this age group.
 - iv. U10 Girls – 12 registered. Will have one team in this age group.
 - v. U11 Boys – 21 registered. Tryouts have been scheduled for this age group.
 - vi. U11 Girls – 13 registered. Will have one team in this age group.
 - vii. U12 Boys – 16 registered. The roster is full & we will have one team in this age group.
 - viii. U12 Girls – 11 registered. Will have one team in this age group.
 - ix. U13 Boys - 13 registered. Will have one team in this age group. Would help to get a few more kids.
 - x. U13 Girls – 25 registered. Tryouts have been scheduled for this age group.
 - xi. U14 Boys – 10 registered. Would like to have a team in this age group, need at least 2 more players.
- b. AR gave an update of the lightning strike at South Hadley high school and the subsequent damage that was caused. It knocked out the field lights, both scoreboards, irrigation pump and controls and a number of other fixtures. Most of this will be covered by insurance less the \$1,000 deductible.

8. Adjournment at 6:40pm. BJ/MZ. 5-0.