



Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Members present: Linda Case, Joanne Majka, Janet Harriman, Rick Brooks, Tyler Dunphy

Members absent: Jeanine Dalton, Rayleen Pinkham

Staff present: Jen DeRice, Renee Prescott

Update and Review of Fall 2017 Events

Spooktacular

- Overall everyone agreed the event was a success.
- DJ should interact more with the crowd.
- Registration for costumes should not be in hallway near stairs and it was suggested that next year it would be in the cafeteria.
- In addition to the Parks & Rec Staff and the Rec Committee, 4 additional staff members seemed to be the right amount.
- It was agreed that next year we should have new and better games
- The donut eating contest was very messy, it was suggested we use a tarp or move the game outside.
- 300 donut holes and 10 gallons of cider was a good amount to have.
- It was suggested that if it rains it may be better to cancel the haunted stroll instead of moving inside.

Tree Lighting

- It was agreed to start the program at 6:30 instead of 6:00 next year to allow for families to arrive in time on a weeknight and to have the actual lighting of the tree to be at 6:45.
- Hot chocolate was too hot! We need to think of a way next year to remedy that.
- The committee agreed that we should incorporate caroling next year, either by hiring a caroling group or having someone lead a group caroling. It was suggested to contact the Schoolhouse Arts Center to see if they may have some singers come to the event to help with caroling.

✓ Renee will contact Schoolhouse Arts Center

Treasury Report

- Remaining amount in Rec Committee fund is \$3215.29.
- Suggestions for use of these funds were to buy snowshoes or use money to hire a band for concerts in the park or use some funds for summer camp scholarships.
- Rick Brooks suggested starting a "Friends of Standish" organization that anyone could donate to and to use these funds to help with scholarships or Standish residents for various reasons.
- The goal this year is to have 3 concerts in the park. There was some suggestion for having concert at the beach or the Steep Falls gazebo. Otherwise, Standish Memorial Park is most practical location because of power and the snack shack.
- Improvements were made this year to the roof of the snack shack and the ice rink at Johnson Field, as well as improvements to the softball and baseball field.
- It was suggested to charge only non-residents to rent snowshoes.
- The committee agreed to research costs in order to split the money between snow shoes and bands to hire for concerts in the park.

✓ Renee will research costs of snowshoes

✓ Rec department and committee will research bands to hire

New Business

- Rick Brooks suggested naming the skate park at Johnson Field after J.T. Norton who was a huge advocate for having the park built.
- Plans for a Community Center to be built are in the works again.
- Until the codes change, the Rec Committee will continue to meet once a month. Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 1st at 5:30.
- Some suggestions were to have a plaque or sculpture at the skate park in J.T.'s honor. Some committee money can help to fund this.
 - ✓ Renee will email Maine College of Art to see if they have a sculpture major at the school who may want to do a sculpture for a small commission. Renee will report any information back to Rick.
 - ✓ Rick suggested Walter Butler to do the plaque and will look into how much it would be to have him do that.
 - ✓ Renee will book rooms for both Rec Committee and SSS Committee Meeting