

Sterling Recreation Department January 22, 2008 - Minutes

Present: Jo-Ann, Heather, Jess, Judy & Marc

Absent: Bob

Meeting started at 7:10pm

Signed Bills

Reviewed minutes – Reviewed minutes from December 11th. Motion to approve from Heather, all approved.

Budget for FY2009:

- The final budget is done. Judy will meet with Finance Committee on February 13th.
- Appropriated Funds: \$22,854.97 (payroll), \$ 7,858.63 (supplies)
- SPARC Funds: \$8,081.59
- Fields Funds: \$ 10,696.78 (field); \$ 102,001.17 (revolving); \$ 1540.00 (donations)

Performance Review:

- Jo-Ann and Jess will be meeting with Judy on Friday 1-25-08 at 10:00.
- Anyone who can not make the meeting has a copy of the review form to give their input (Jo-Ann will need those forms by Friday)

Basketball:

- Judy went to a new vendor for trophies. Trophies will be handed out on February 2nd after the games.
- Discussion on what to get the older divisions. This year we will go with a plaque that will be handed out in March.

Ice Rink:

- Mike Pineo has provided the wood again. The DPW is scheduled to set up the rink on January 23rd.

Playground:

- Bob was not present to update the board.
- Discussion about an electric bill for the waterfall. We feel we need more information about this and would like to see SPARC working on this matter. We will wait to hear from SPARC about how this was over looked. The DPW is stating that this is a bill they are not responsible for. Questioned is there is any talk between SPARC and Electric Co. about this bill and/or future bills.

All Boards Meeting:

- There is an All Boards Meeting scheduled for April 12th at 8:30.
- Please RSVP
- If there is any issues that you would like to address Terri would like to have them before the meeting.

Summer Concerts & Programs:

- The Recreation Dept. received \$1,100.00 from the Mass. Cultural Commission to use towards our summer concert program.

New Business:

- Jess is working on putting together an Easter Egg Hunt. Discussion on where to hold it. We feel that Memorial Park would be perfect for the first year and we would have the Gazebo for an Easter Bunny. She plans on not having candy but novelties (stickers, whistles, erasers etc.). The board agrees that this is a great idea. We will look into setting a date at the next meeting.
- Judy has a new program to introduce for late spring: Nordic Walking.
- A resident also approached Judy about possible Tia Chie program. Judy suggested doing a free intro at the school to see if there is any interest.
- PTO approached Judy about making a donation for there Court Jesters fund raiser. The board agreed to donate an \$80.00 scholarship for either the lake program or basketball.
- The Garden Club was looking for possible ideas for donations (a wish list). The board's suggestions are bleachers at field or benches at Memorial Park.
- ****Discussion on the trying to get bills signed. All board members need to try harder to get in to get bills signed. Bills are usually ready every other Tuesday and Judy usually sends everyone an email. Jess and Jo-Ann can usually get in to sign during regular Town Hall hours, but for anyone else please note that the Town Hall is usually open Wednesday nights for meetings. Let's all try to make a better attempt to get bills signed in a timely manner.****

Meeting Ended at 8:15

Next Meeting February 5th.