

Sterling Recreation Department
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 – 1835 Town Hall – meeting called to order at 8:00pm

Present: Jo-Ann Cummings, Bob Finizio, Kristen Dietel, Mark Hryniewich, Heidi Grady

Guest: Andy Parker from Sterling Girls Softball Assoc.

Not Present: Kristen Nelson, Jess Moran and Mike Regan are no longer members of the Recreation Commission

Review Minutes:

- Review minutes from 6/22 meeting- Heidi made a motion to approve, Bob 2nd – all approved
- Review minutes from 5/19 meeting-Bob made a motion to approve, Jo-Ann 2nd – all approved

Finance Report:

- Bob made a motion to approve, Heidi 2nd – all approved

Presentation from SGSA:

- SGSA has long-term plans to improve facilities at Griffin Road & Muddy Pond
 - Add 2nd snack shack & storage in between fields 1 & 2
 - Add 3rd softball field in left corner – would not impede on Babe Ruth field, but couldn't have 2 games going on at once (unlikely to happen)
 - Would take away from soccer
 - Possible move softball field off Muddy Pond so soccer could use that space
- Board suggested started with snack shack
- Board offered advice as to where SGSA should go next – make more specific plans, zoning, abutters, ADA etc.
- SGSA will sharpen plans & return

Scholarship:

- Applicant was shared with committee. Heidi made motion to award 1 full-scholarship and 1 half-scholarship. Bob 2nd – 3 approved, 1 abstained.

Open Board Seats:

- We now have 3 board seats open. Openings will be posted on Town of Sterling website. Current board will talk to community members about possible applicants.

Assistant Position:

- Will post Program/Recreation Assistant opening first week in August – interview with Rec Comm first week in September. Have person hired by October 1st

Possible Vehicle for Department:

- Selectman Kilcoyne offered to donate his truck to Rec Dept. Needs new transmission and has 250K miles on it.
- Mark made motion to spend no more than \$3,000.00 on repairs, bearing Hi-Tec believes the vehicle will be road worthy for several years (vehicle must pass inspection, have road-worthy tires) – Jo-Ann 2nd – all approved

Ideas for Basketball:

- No major changes within divisions

- Check with Clinton Hoops for girls
- Ask Princeton what they do – possibly join with them
- No HS program

Ideas for Fall-Winter-Spring:

- Discussed future idea of Before/After School programs

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Scholarship Policy:

- Tabled for future meetings

Fields:

- Discussed vandalism at Griffin Road Snack Shack
- SGSA is taking care of repairs

Summer 2015:

- Update on numbers
- Discussed possibility of full-day summer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm