

**Sterling Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 19, 2019**

Meeting officially called to order at 7:00pm

Present: Jo-Ann Cummings, Heidi Grady, Bonnie Pulda, Glenn Donaldson, Andy Parker, Deidre Shapiro, Mark Hryniewich

Kristen Dietel (Recreation Director)

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 2-26-19 meeting

- Bonnie made a motion to accept the minutes, Heidi 2nd – all in favor

Finance Report

- Andy made a motion to accept the Finance Report, Bonnie 2nd – all in favor

Payroll & Warrant

- Signed

Tennis Court Rehab

- Discussed DPW project idea, but no hard facts or numbers
- Mark made a motion to submit/sponsor and support an article for \$132,623 for the reconstruction of the tennis and basketball courts in West Sterling, Glenn 2nd – discussion: Recreation Committee reserves the right to entertain and evaluate any other alternative reconstruction ideas that may arise before Town Meeting and amend on Town Meeting floor.
 - All approved with caveat included
- Chuck requested letter of support for PARC grant – Kristen will write
- Jo-Ann requested a copy of the PARC grant thus far – Kristen will scan and email out. All comments directly to Chuck

Review Sterling Rec Basketball Season 2018-2019; vote on changes for 2019-2020

- Division I: went extremely well, but Coach Joe may not join us for next season. Heidi suggested reaching out to Coach Grosse from Chocksett Middle School. Kristen suggested hiring a company as a back-up.
- Division II: went AMAZING! Great coaches, great team play!
- Division Girls: had a great time with Leominster. Things went smoothly. Cost-shared, so no invoicing
- Division IIIB: horrible. Kristen explained the many struggles and embarrassing arguments.
 - Deidre suggested getting all coaches together prior to the start of the season to do a joint talk.
 - Revise Coaches Code of Conduct – no drafting until they sign
 - Hold coaches to hire standard
 - Look in to diversifying referees so repetitiveness doesn't wear on coaches/refs
 - Change expectations for referees
- Division V: Play-off games went awesome! So much fun. Enthusiasm among players, parents & coaches
 - Add rules:
 - Substitution 8+ players, every player sits 5/half; less than 8, every players sits 1/game
 - Playoff substitution: All players sit 5/half
- Explore disciplinary committee – tabbed until July

Mobi Mat

- Looked at dimensions, cost, specs etc for ADA beach accessibility for Town Beach.
- All agreed one in the future would be excellent, but too many unknown factors at this time.
- Will wait for 2020

5 Year Plan

- Tabled

Town Meeting

- May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm. Everyone needs to go as we have new items up for vote

Review RFP for Fields

- Andy made a motion to solicit 3 bids for annual field preparation using the suggested RFP, Deidre 2nd – all

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Upcoming Events**

- Road Race is April 6, 2019
- Easter Egg Hunt is April 13, 2019
 - Volunteers needed for all

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm