

**Sterling Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Jo-Ann Cummings, Kathy Greenwood, Heidi Grady, Mark Hryniewicz, Kristen Dietel (Recreation Director)

Absent: Bob Finizio, Bonnie Pulda, Andy Parker

New Business:

Review minutes from 4-18-2017 meeting

- Heidi made motion to accept, Kathy 2nd – Discussion: Camera has not been purchased by Andy. Krisen did not purchase wood chips for SPARC playground due to no DPW labor available to spread until summer help is onboard. Kristen did not research the porta potty surcharge as of yet. - all approve.

Review Finance Report:

- Mark made motion to accept, Heidi 2nd – all approve.

Lake Opening

- All staff is hired for opening June 17. Some new ropes have been purchased.

Land for Sale

- Town Administrator contacted Kristen regarding 2 plots of land available for sale.
- Discussion took place and Committee requested that Kristen respond to Town Administrator that we are always interested in land, but we need more information on the usability of the parcel at 390 Sterling Street. We are not interested in the Justice Hill Road property.

Babe Ruth Improvements

- Tom Kokernak was supposed to present the needed improvements to this field but did not attend.
- Mark reported dugouts are fine but a new backstop is needed.
- Parents/coaches installed an outfield fence.
- Mark will inquire who is on Board of Leominster Babe Ruth League for further discussion.

Old Business

Sterling Rec Basketball Program

- A continued discussion of the results/feedback from the 2016-2017 program took place. It was decided to leave the brackets the way they are currently set up. The only suggestion is to plan the draft to balance the teams as much as possible.

Announcements

- The Massachusetts Law – “Christians’s Law” states that children who are Level 1,2, & 3 swimmers who go into the water in municipal programs are required to wear life jackets during free swim time. Each swimmer also must be clearly labeled for identification of level reasons. We will purchase 25 life jackets and wrist bands to meet the requirements of this law.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm