Hopkinton Recreation Commission
Crandall House
Minutes of Meeting

Date: 06/06/19

Recreation Director: Mary Sawyer
Commission members present: Sherry Ryan, Matthew LaBounty and Christine Cook
Members not present: Zafar Agha
Town Council Liaison: Scott Bill Hirst
Purpose of the meeting: Regularly Scheduled Recreation Commission Meeting
Meeting called to order: 6:33pm by Sherry Ryan

Review of May 15th, 2019 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve by Matthew LaBounty, seconded by Sherry Ryan
In Favor: Matthew, Sherry, Christine

New Business

Recreation Director’s Report: First, Mary discussed a new counselor in training program that will be introduced during the summer. The program will be open to a maximum of 12 children entering 7th or 8th grade. The two-week program will include CPR training, introduction to being a camp counselor and instruction on filling out a job application.

Next, Mary provided an update on the existing playground at Crandall Field. She has been in contact with RI Mulch Inc. to assess the cost of adding ground cover to the existing playground to ensure it is safe for the upcoming summer camp. In addition, public works will be updating/making small repairs to loose boards.

The third topic covered by the director was recent events/programs. The recreation department hosted a grass volleyball tournament to benefit The Tomorrow Fund. The event was a success with around 130 participants. In addition, Huck Finn Day was held with many community members in attendance. The tee ball season has been very positive and will soon come to an end. Summer camp enrollment is very popular. Lastly the Senior bingo program and Toddler Play groups will both pause for the summer.

In addition, Mary covered recent grants awarded and anticipated for proposal. The recreation department is a recipient of a $1,000 grant from Senator Elaine Morgan. The funds were used to purchase new picnic tables. The FY2018 House of Representatives grant that was awarded to the department was used to purchase an ADA hexagon picnic table and new Crandall House signs. The Department of Elderly Affairs supplied a grant for $6,361 that was used to cover a portion of the cost for epoxy on the floors in the activities center. A matching grant application was made
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to AARP to cover the remaining cost of the floor. The anticipated announcement for the AARP grant is June 10th. Lastly, a proposal will be submitted to Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy. If awarded the $2,500 house of representative grant will be used to purchase a portable splash pad.

The last topic discussed was the possibility of partnering with the Hopkinton Land Trust to host a fall festival to be held at Crandall Field.

New Business:

New playground options were discussed including the use of a poured in place surface, possible structures and features. Little Tikes option was reviewed.

Updates from Crossman Engineering were shared. The recommendation to install drainage under the proposed playground site. Also, Crossman is looking into the appropriate path to the new playground site.

The following actions were suggested to Mary;

Request estimate for drainage, request estimate for installation of Little Tikes option, investigate cost to install walkway to playground.

Motion to meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6pm was made by Christine, seconded by Matt. So Voted 3-0

Next meeting date- July 1st, 2019 at 6pm in Crandall House

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15pm by Christine, seconded by Matt. So Voted 3-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Christine Cook-Recreation Commission Secretary