

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Special Meeting- 3/16/2015 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Commission members Peter Bakker Jr., Rejean Labrie, Ben Raccuia, Director Donna Carney-Bastrzycki, and First Selectman Don Stein in attendance. Commission member Rob Courtemanche absent.

There was no public input.

Minutes of 2/26/15 meeting approved.

Correspondence has been ongoing for the Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Camp. Proposal has been received for a Riverton Music Festival. Nature Camp proposal has been received.

New Business

Riverton Music Festival proposal received and presented by Karl Gallmeyer. Dates are 7/25/15 & 7/26/15. Eight musical artists have been invited, four have confirmed. All will participate on volunteer basis & and this will be a free event. Landowner permission for private property is proceeding and all are expected to be cooperative. Use of Riverton Fairgrounds for parking thought to be contingent on mowing of same.

Gallmeyer indicates need to set up 20'x40' canopy for shade/rain protection of spectators-would be done 7/24/15 & removed 7/26/15. Use of Porta Potties discussed and Gallmeyer will investigate same. Gallmeyer to advertise with posters & social media.

Musical acts will consist will consist of Pop, Big Band, Folk, Soft Rock, and similar. Selectman Stein indicates that the Riverton Merchant's Association has approximately \$450 available in the Recreation Department's Budget from prior activities that could be used toward expenses for Festival. Gallmeyer estimates cost of renting canopy at \$200.00. Motion made by Bakker to approve moving forward with Riverton Musical Festival and appropriating \$200 for same from Recreation Department account.

Proposal for Nature Camp received and presented by Molly Sexton Read. Camp has been held for approximately 10 years in People's State Forest. History and success of Camp discussed – both very good. Students ages are 3 to 8 generally, sessions are 2 per day for 3 days/week for 3 weeks- 6/30-7/2, 7/7-7/9, 7/14-7/16 all 2015. Discussion regarding staffing, qualifications, experience, cost of attending ensued. Motion made by Raccuia to approve Nature Camp as proposed with cost of \$40/camper. Seconded and approved by all.

Summer Camp planning and registration is underway. All employees will be viewed as new employees and need to submit applications for positions by 5/1/15.

Recreation Department Account and Funds were discussed with First Selectman Stein explaining same. Balance and allocation of funds were discussed to current Department members understanding. Commission and Department Director work to submit a schedule of programs and anticipated cost of same to Board of Selectmen for calendar year. Town provides Director stipend to Recreation Department Fund. Special meeting proposed for 3/18/15 to discuss Recreation Department Funding and Recreation Director Compensation.

Easter Egg Hunt is 3/28/15 in Riverton. Volunteer Easter Bunny is in place, additional volunteers are needed.

Old Business

Winter and Spring Karate sessions are consistently drawing 26 participants.

Spring Zumba Class proposal has been negotiated and terms agreed on. Motion by Raccuia to accept Zumba Class proposal from Becky Sartriana and move forward with same. Seconded by Labrie and approved by all.

Health Fair went well per Director's report on same.

Program Proposal Process and forms have been updated and are in use. Standardization of same is benefiting Department.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Peter Bakker Jr.