

New Shoreham Recreation Board
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road
8:15 a.m.

Present: Members: Ann Hall, Gail Heinz and Paige Gaffett. Also present were Recreation Director David Sniffen, and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes. Chair Chris Willi and Member Sarah Sue Deane were absent.

Ann Hall called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Approve Minutes for May 17, 2016

Ms. Hall moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2016. Ms. Heinz seconded the motion and it carried.

3 Ayes (Heinz, Gaffett, Hall) 0 Nays 2 Absent (Deane, Willi)

3. Director's Report

Recreation Director Sniffen distributed a copy of the summer wrap-up report he submitted to the Town Council and highlighted the following:

- Sports Camps:
 - Housing camp directors and their staff was a problem. The following ideas were mentioned as housing options: offer tuition waiver in exchange for housing; use the school gym; use the rescue building; ask through a bulletin board email blast.
 - Participation was down from last year. It was suggested giving camp info to realtors to include with their rental packets.
- Town Beach:
 - Lifeguard staffing was challenging. He explained that he is hoping to become an lifeguard instructor to train and cultivate a locally based staff.
 - Mr. Sniffen would like to expand the lifeguarded zone to make it bigger, utilizing three chairs instead of two.
 - Not enough parking was an issue. The lot may be reconfigured to accommodate more parking during the renovation project.
 - Trash disposal and overflow was an issue.
- Camp Mohegan: There were 147 participants over a nine week session.
- Summer Leagues: Soccer, basketball, softball and beach volleyball leagues were successful this summer.
- Triathlon:
 - There were 424 registrants, which was about the same as last year.
 - There was a conflict with Victor Day weekend which added to the congestion of the race. He may look into changing the date of the race.
- Ball O'Brien Park:
 - The bathrooms were open this summer.

- The walking path is in.
- A handicap swing and BBQ grills will be installed this fall, purchased by the Lions Club.
- It was noted by Ms. Heinz that the mowing this summer was atrocious; that maintenance is needed on the skateboard park; and the parking needs to be expanded and maintained.
- Heinz Field: The field is in beautiful shape, well maintained by the new contractor.

4. Old Business - Receive Updates On:

a. Scuba Class

Director Sniffen explained that he had an instructor for a scuba class, but was in search of an assistant or two to help with the class.

b. Gymnastic Camp

Mr. Sniffen stated that he was not able to put together the gymnastic camp, because of lack of housing for instructors.

c. Second Basketball Camp

Mr. Sniffen stated that the Aspire basketball camp only committed to holding one week of camp this summer instead of two. The other week Dave found a replacement camp. Aspire then cancelled their entire camp the day before it was to begin. He will be looking for a new provider next year to replace Aspire.

5. New Business – Discuss and Act on:

a. Youth Soccer

Mr. Sniffen noted that youth soccer is going on from pre-K up to 5th grade.

b. Fall Festival

Mr. Sniffen explained that the Family Fun Fest usually includes the soapbox derby, but that will be retired, due to safety issues. The festival should be going forward with just the game portion and the bar-b-que. He noted that the department bought a chest freezer to store leftover bar-b-que supplies etc.

c. Ball O'Brien Courts

Director Sniffen explained the tennis courts and the basketball court at the park need to be resurfaced. He received a quote for \$10,200. He is hoping to get the project funded as soon as possible.

d. Ski Trip

Director Sniffen explained the ski trip is being put together and should cost about the same as last year. A grinder sale fundraiser for the trip is planned Election Day at Town Hall.

d. Motorcycle Class

Mr. Sniffen reported that he will take no further action on the motorcycle class at this time. He explained that many showed interest, but when it came to sign up only two

participants came forward – 12 participants are needed to hold the class.

Mr. Sniffen noted that he put together a Hunter Safety class for the weekend of November 2nd. He is also working on putting together a Karate class.

Discussion ensued regarding adding another race or event in the fall. This item will be on next month's agenda.

When asked, Dave Sniffen explained that the addition of the Recreation Assistant has allowed the department to start new programs and expand and extend existing programs.

With no new business to discuss, Ms. Heinz moved to adjourn at 9:19 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and carried.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: November 15, 2016