

Johnson Recreation Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018

Members Present: Kerri O'Halloran, Hillary Hoag, Agata Bal, Laura Whitehill, Suzanne Dodge, Nat Kinney, Heather Rodriguez, Geraldine Carpenter

Non-Members Present: Brian Story

Heather gave an update on Sports Engine. We're hoping to go-live with them for registration and web hosting as of September 1st. With Sports Engine, it takes 5 days to setup an event registration. They provide excellent customer support and the software is easy to use.

We discussed the committee's limited resources in relation to overseeing large construction / maintenance projects. Brian Story and the committee jointly agreed that the committee can be responsible for projects that require common handheld tools but any projects that require larger equipment should be the responsibility of the Town Administrator.

We agreed that it should be the responsibility of the committee to report any safety issues to the Town Administrator.

We need 6 more trash cans for Mill Park. Our goal is to have one trash can for each field. More cans are needed because we are limited to 1x per week trash pickup and the bins we have now can't contain the volumes of trash we're collecting. Brian is going to spearhead this.

The Legion Field toddler playground needs fall protection. The committee would like to use pea-stone similar to what is used in Mill Park.

The Checkerberry field baseball fencing is falling down. It is a safety issue. The committee agreed that it can be torn down. Brian believes that the Town crew can do this.

Brian is going to inspect the fencing in Legion Field. If he deems it a safety hazard, he will remove it. The committee believes that it might be best to remove that baseball diamond and build another one down in Mill Park.

Brian is working with a contractor to repair the pavillion building in Mill Park.

Registration is open for the summer session of archery. Nat is organizing this with Denise Ashman Krause.

Suzanne and Kerri are organizing youth soccer in the fall. We discussed equipment needs and budget.

We discussed the criteria for giving scholarships. Agata is going to call Eden to see how

they handle this. Brian will put the question out to municipal message boards that he uses.

We will start to collect a uniform deposit for team sports. Rosemary is willing to make this work and keep deposit money in the Town's vault. The money will be returned to parents when the uniforms are returned.

We revisited the proposed smoking policy introduced by Lamoille Fit and Healthy. We agreed that there didn't seem to be much desire for a non-smoking policy in public parks and we will recommend to the selectboard that they not adopt a policy.

The committee recommends the use of reserve funds for the following:

- \$6,000 for repair or replacement of baseball field fencing. We have quotes in hand.
- \$3,000 for lining the parking area of Mill Park with boulders to prevent people from driving on the fields.
- \$2,135 + \$200 shipping for soccer goals.

And we recommend up to \$1900 paid to Heather Rodriguez for retroactive pay for work done in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.