

Recreation meeting notes 5/13/19

Members Present: Hillary Hoag , Kerri O'Halloran Nat Kinney Laura Whitehill Others: Heather Rodriguez, Brian Story

Recreation committee approved co- sponsorship of Friends of LVRT bike ride. Rec will not be providing people power for this event.

Soccer Update (field updates, coaches, equipment needs)

Kerri reached out to coaches from last season, most have responded:

5/6 Boys-Tim Sullivan & Mike StPierre

5/6 Girls Eliza Bordeau

3/4 Boys Paul Sladyk

3/4 Girls Jim Rose

1/2 Steffan Asper

PreK-K Lisa and Andrew Crews

Items needs after 7/1/19 Paint, string, fields markers, t-shirts for prek-2,

Heather made the suggestion to pay for the lines to be painted on the fields over the summer, similar to paying refs for basketball games fields are ready when school starts. Committee felt it was a good idea. Heather will reach out to a few kids who play soccer and see if they are interested. Registration will start next week and run for two weeks. It will be posted in the Jag Journal, on FPF, and on FB

Recreation Coordinator Update:

Brian indicated he received resumes and will be sending 4-5 to the hiring committee. Hillary, Nat, Kerri, and Casey will review next Wednesday 5/15/19.

Baseball/Softball :

Heather will create a list of volunteer opportunities and post to the web for folks to help out with. Fields need to be lined before each game; Debbie Underwood took care of handing out softball uniforms and paid the full amount. Refund needs to be issued for the difference. The Green Mountain Fund grant was approved for the softball field. The committee approved the purchase of three signs numbering the fields and advertise here banner.

Rec asked to be educated on Open Meeting Laws, Basically Rec has 24 hours warrant any meeting, and no decisions can be made over email and notes of meeting need to be posted in 5 business days of any meeting.

Nat made the suggestion all rec emails be moved to a town of Johnson server so they could be recovered if needed. Heather and Brian had also discussed creating a town of Johnson recreation email. The new email will be [tojrecreation@townofjohnson.com](mailto:tojrecreation@townofjohnson.com) .

Heather gave a quick update on the project she has been working on: The field lining will continue and will be complete this summer/fall. Rocks presently at Old Mill Park need to be placed. Brian had said last November they would be complete early spring. Heather Presented two bids for access gates, the third company did not submit their bid by the deadline. Bid went to Round Hill Fence and Security.

They will install three access gates at old Mill Park the recreation committee approved the purchase of three dog waste stations to be placed at Old Mill Park.

The recreation committee wanted to express their concern over what feels like to lack of support from the town in general. The committee feels that volunteers should not be put into the middle of certain situations, should not be called at home ect.... Brian S apologized for the situation and agreed volunteers should not be involved in certain situations.

If a family does not like a certain policy the process of appeal will be the following:

Put into writing an exception to be made. This will be sent to the recreation committee for discussion and possible approval.

If the recreation committee denies the request, the next person to reach out to would be the recreation coordinator, then the Town administrator, and the last level of contact is the select board.

It was discussed that the recreation coordinator would hold coaches meeting and explains policy's and expectations of coaches

Kerri made the announcement she is officially stepping down from the committee on 7/1/19

The committee thanked her for her hard work, she will be missed.