

**Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 26 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Attendees: Laraine King, Barbara Keating, Beverly Jacobs, Heather Long, Ken King, Don Keating, Grete D'Hondt, Cindy Berenson, Sybil Owens, Mona Nee, Darleen Simboli, and Lois Keenan

Action Items:

Commissioners

- The Recreation Committee would like to request that the pool remain open through labor day this year.
- The Recreation Committee would like to invite the commissioners to attend the next recreation meeting to discuss ways of improving communication between the Committee and the Commissioners.

Cindy Berenson

- Organize float for 4th of July

Heather Long

- Create summer newsletter
- Draft an email to be sent to the district to update the Recreation Committee's member and volunteer list.

Darleen Simboli

- Draft a letter to the Commissioner's proposing to open the pool early next year.

Updates/Old Business

1. Signage: Francine is working on signs. She has offered to update them for free.
2. Emergency phone: The Commissioners are looking into a pay phone as a more affordable option for an emergency phone at the beach.
3. Playground: The Commissioners are waiting for approval from the state to reconstruct the playground at the location decided upon by the Recreation Committee and Commissioners. Several members asked if the playground could be reconstructed on the other beach, behind the volleyball net. There was question as to whether or not this would require state approval as well. Ken King said that this would not require state approval and could be done by the end of the week. However, the Commissioners have stated that it will require approval. Heather Long suggested that the committee consider the long-term effects of moving the playground, rather than moving it hastily to do what is easiest.
4. Summer program staff update: Francine Bowman has been hired as the waterfront supervisor. The snack bar has already been cleaned and she is planning a meeting with the summer staff to prepare for the summer. There was question as to how many lifeguards were hired for the summer. Several members of the Recreation Committee were concerned that the waterfront supervisor is no longer required to have a lifeguard certification.
5. Clean up litter on FP Road (Don Drew checking on using County inmates.)

6. Family Game Night: The family game night in April was fun. However, it was poorly attended. The flyers created for this event were not distributed by email properly, which may have affected attendance.

New Business:

1. Don Keating, Barbara Keating, Cindy Berenson, Sybil Owens, Darleen Simboli, Mona Nee and Lois Keenan voiced frustration with the Commissioners. They feel that the Commissioners are not following through with the recommendations that the Recreation Committee has made in the past. They would like to know why the pool was not opened for the beginning of June, why the waterfront supervisor is no longer required to have lifeguard certification, and why the Commissioners entered into a closed session at a Commissioner's meeting to discuss personnel for the summer.. Heather Long suggested that these individuals contact the Commissioners directly or attend a Commissioner's meeting to voice their frustration and concerns. Several members said that they are unable to attend Commissioner's meetings since they are on Monday nights. Cindy Berenson asked that the minutes reflect that there are members of the Recreation Committee who are upset with the way that the commissioners are making decisions. It was agreed that the commissioners should be invited to attend the next recreation committee meeting.
2. The Recreation Committee would like to have a meeting in August to make budget recommendations for the recreation program for 2013. *(Note: The date/time of August 11th at 9am was discussed. However, there is a commissioner's meeting already scheduled at this time, so a new date/time will need to be determined)*
3. The spring newsletter was helpful and appreciated by the community. The Recreation Committee will develop a summer newsletter. Heather Long will work with Francine to incorporate information about the summer program into the newsletter.
4. The Recreation Committee would like to update the member list. The definitions of what it means to be a voting member were discussed and defined. In order to be a voting member of the Recreation Committee, an individual must attend at least 6 meetings per year, plan and organize 1 event per year, and commit to helping out with other events throughout the year. Individuals who are unable to make this commitment are welcome to be a part of the Recreation Committee as a volunteer, but will not be considered voting members. An email will be drafted and sent out to the district to invite individuals to be added to the member and volunteer list for the Recreation Committee.
5. The Recreation Committee would like to have an email sign-up list in the snack bar this summer so that community members can sign-up to be added to the district email.
6. New officer election: Laraine King announced that she would like to step down from her position as co-chair. Barbara Keating has reached the end of her term as co-chair. Heather Long will move into the position of co-chair. An election was held to elect a new secretary and co-chair. Jessica Godbout was elected as secretary and Grete D'Hondt was elected as co-chair.

Future Events

Suggested Future Events:

- July 4th events
 - Potluck
 - Cindy Berenson will organize creation of a float for the 4th of July parade. Bev has offered to be there for liability purposes on the 4th.
 - Anything Float Regatta- Theme: Rocking 4th of July
 - Fishing Derby
 - Tie Dye- Mona has offered to run this event.
- Labor Day Events:
 - Road Race- Triathlon: Swim, Bike (or Kayak), Run
 - Pot Luck- Appetizers and deserts
 - Fireworks
 - Family Movie
- Pancake Breakfast – Canceled for this year. We would like to hold this on Memorial Day Weekend next year.
- Luau- August 4th
- Concert at the Lodge- July 20 & August 17
- Themed Pot Luck Event: Lodge Sept. 15
- Oktoberfest: October 6
- Halloween Party for Adults: October 27
- Wine Tasting Event: November 10
- Holiday Party: December 8
- New Year's Eve Party: December 31

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Long, Secretary