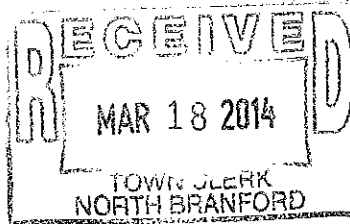


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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

STW Community Center

March 17, 2014

### Minutes

Present: Brian Lynch, Victor Palma and Steve Torino

Absent: Karen Ablondi

Also Attending: Director Pam Gery and Town Manager Michael Paulus

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Lynch at 7:45 pm.

### Minutes:

The December Minutes were postponed until Karen Ablondi could be present to vote on them.

### Town Sports Organizations:

Reminders will be sent out to all Town Sports Organizations advising them that they must submit rosters of their members before field permits will be sent out.

### Parks and Fields:

The need for repairs to the tennis and basketball courts was addressed again by Pam, since CRRA funds are available and there is a possibility the Parks and Rec would have monies allowed for some of their needs. Mike Paulus is preparing the grant and needed to know what the

priorities were in order to address them. The tennis courts at STW have been locked for 7+ years and it would be a benefit to reconfigure these courts into basketball and a splash pad as we have tennis courts on both sides of town already. Mr. Paulus commented that although funds were available, there was no guarantee that it would be allocated to Parks and Rec, and if so, it could be the full amount or only half. Pam said first priority would be the repair at STW and resurfacing the others. She also wished to research this Splash Pad idea at STW, which could be built modular over time. It was questioned again whether the BOE should partake in the cost of repairs to the NBIS/Memorial Park fields and courts they utilize as part of their athletic programs.

The Commission suggested that signs should be erected at the Augur Park property where the 5K country run is held, prohibiting use of the trails by people using ATVs so that the Police could curtail this use. Without signs, the Police have no recourse and the Town could be at risk.

#### a. Dog Park:

Pam has heard nothing on this issue so far, though their fundraising has been quite successful.

#### Program Review:

Things are moving along and the Summer Program Brochure will be available soon. Karen Ablondi has been named Liaison with the Potato and Corn Festival Committee and Rosanne Krajewski has been named Festival Coordinator and will be working for Pam under the Parks & Recreation Department.

There have been issues with the TV's in the Fitness Room and a member wrote Brian a letter; with nine others signing it, in regards to the frustration behind the TVs not consistently working. Pam and staff have trouble shot the connections many, many times and were able to get them up and running 95% of the time. Comcast has been on site and has suggested that Pam order more infra red wireless adaptors and that should help.

Pam has met with representative of the Special Olympics and a NB Police Officer supporting another 5K cross country fundraiser to benefit the Special Olympics called "Run From The Cops". This event is being considered in October of 2014.

**New Property Projects:**

Nothing to report.

**Budget Review:**

The Recreation Budget numbers were reduced mainly because Pam eliminated the funds for a full time receptionist prior to submitting her request. Brian Lynch asked Pam if she submitted a Capital request list. Pam reported that she put in for numerous bleachers that are needed as well as the Court repairs around town.

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The room dividers have been put in place and the dividers and walls in the programming rooms are done, though all other additional expenses such as mirrors, exterior signs, lockers etc. have been put on hold.

The Public Works Dept. is installing the new Parking area and once complete, the parking situation will improve. During in climate weather the rear entry could be utilized for access to the Board of Ed section of the building.

**Senior Center**

The Pizza Wars fundraiser for the Seniors will be returning to the Community Center on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the St. Pat's Day Lunch fundraiser had 81 tickets sold.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Victor Palma, seconded by Steve Torino, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting will be 7:30 pm, April 21, 2014 at the STW Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Leigh Bianchi*

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Clerk