

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
October 21, 2014
7:00PM
Municipal Center – 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Present: Chair, Sheri Cohen; Mark Buchan; Jen Hoffman; Stan Kubinski; Sara Lyons; Bonnie Yezukevich.

Also present: Laura Bamford, Parks and Recreation Director.

Absent: Tom Stanton.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. To approve the , 2014 Parks and Recreation minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. . Vote: All in favor. Motion carries.

II. New Business

Mayor of Norton – The announcement of the 2014-15 Mayor of Norton was made. Mr. Steve Bishop, the incumbent, was determined as the winner, with Ms. Beverly Slattery as the runner up. Mr. Bishop raised \$1575 and Ms. Slattery raised \$1560 – a difference of only \$15! It was determined that \$780 would be donated to the Senior Center, \$1,177.50 would go to Parks and Rec, and another \$1,177.50 would be donated to the charity It Takes a Community.

Halloween Parade – Ms. Cohen informed the committee that there is still a need for people to hold banners for the parade. The parade will end at the Middle School and St. Mary's. Ms. Cohen said that she would ask Mr. Ray Cord to manage the traffic.

Festival of Lights – Ms. Cohen informed the commission that Ms. Leslieanne, the Children's Librarian from the Norton Public Library, is planning on reading a story. On the Barre dance studio is planning to perform.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Bamford reported that the Operating Budget currently has a balance of \$3,200 and that the Gift Account has a \$13K balance. She said that the Revolving Account has a balance of \$8,600, but will be paying out \$1,700 for the bagpipers in the Halloween parade and \$880 for the police detail.

III. Old Business

ELP and Pool – A discussion was had on the management of the ELP park and pool. It was discussed that next year rental payment would be required 2 weeks in advance, and there would be a \$75 cancellation fee for pool rentals.

Motion was made by Ms. Hoffman to approve the \$75 pool rental cancellation fee. Seconded by Mr. Buchan. **Motion carries.**

A discussion was had on pool hours and how the commission wants to handle rentals vs. open swim. It was decided that an all-day rental would be allowed if the renter has a renting history of all-day rentals.

Other possible changes discussed include: rental time beginning at noon, to allow for morning open swim; a rental minimum of 3 hours (12-3 and 3-6); the possibility of requiring renters to book rentals online only; a \$90/hour fee, but if the renter is a member their membership would be subtracted; a \$20 clean-up fee.

Ms. Bamford said that she would send an email to all previous renters to inform them of the new rental hours.

Golf Tournament – Ms. Cohen informed the commission that each of the 3 groups involved (Parks and Rec, NYS, and Norton Hockey) received \$3,500.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. to adjourn at pm. Seconded by Ms. . Vote: Unanimous.
Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Sheri Cohen, Parks and Recreation Chair

Sara Lyons, Park and Recreation Secretary