

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

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

Also present: Rosemary Dolan; Michelle LaSalle (resident interested in joining commission).

Absent: Mark Buchan; Tom Stanton.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Kubinski to approve the October 21, 2014 Parks and Recreation minutes as written. Seconded by Ms. Yezukevich. Vote: All in favor. Motion carries.

II. New Business

Festival of Lights – Ms. Bamford will send a thank you to the participants/contributors of the Festival of Lights.

Ms. Cohen will ask the members of the Senior Center if anyone would like to be Mrs. Claus this year.

It was decided that if it is raining, the event will be cancelled.

Sweet Stuff Bake Shop will provide the cookies.

Donation buckets will out to collect for The Cupboard of Kindness.

Discussion was had on the possibility of providing the Santa pictures for free, or not at all. It was decided to keep it as was done in the past, but discuss again after this year.

Kindergarten Basketball – Ms. Yezukevich informed the commission that the program will only run for one session – 4 teams, 10 kids each. This is because the registration numbers are low. Discussion was had on whether in the future there should be 6 teams with fewer players (like done in the past).

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Bamford reported to the commission the following:

Operating Budget - \$7,128 spent, leaving a \$2,871 balance

\$8,723 Revolving

\$13K Gift

\$4,700+ remaining in director's salary

A discussion was had regarding the possibility of increasing the hours of the director's position and the increase in responsibility that would go along with it.

The commission discussed the need for gaining information on grant writing. Grant writing would be a responsibility of the director.

Other – The partnership with Wheaton College was discussed. Ms. Bamford will contact Adam Kilduff, the Community Relations chair at the college. She will also contact the Wheaton Cares group.

A thank you note was received from Suzanne Harrop, a former member of the Commission, for the tree the Parks and Rec commission planted at ELP in memory of her daughter who recently passed.

III. Old Business

ELP Pool Regulations –

Motion was made by Ms. Yezukevich to approve the updated Rules and Regulations for ELP as provided by Ms. Bamford. Seconded by Ms. Hoffman. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Discussion on whether town groups/organizations should get a discount on rentals. It was decided that the director should further research the ratio of swimmers to lifeguards, according to Massachusetts Law. This information should be included in the new rental contract.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Kubinski to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Seconded by Ms. Hoffman. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Sheri Cohen, Parks and Recreation Chair

Sara Lyons, Park and Recreation Secretary