

2/27/19

Parks and Recreation meeting 5:35 called to order

In attendance: Dustin Hunt, Karen Dugay, Scott Bourne, Bill Kernan, Tricia Allen, Carl Robinson, Megan Mayo, Mark Wilch, Greg Boglioli

Agenda approved- Mark and Carl 1st and 2nd the motion

Minutes: Mark question about Down payments for space: change wording about how long down payment is refundable (how many days before the event)

Approved with correction: Karen 1st Mark 2nd the motion

Public comments:

Carl talked about Addison County Bike Club (formerly Middlebury Bike Club) Eric Berg President, Carl Robinson Vice-President. Grant for tools to create master plan to create mountain bike trails around Middlebury (ex: Battell Woods, Wright Park). Group has about 50 members. Spring and Fall events. Group has work days to help take care of local trails in area (clearing trees, making it passable). Goals: increase trails and improve them, increase mountain biking in area. Next steps, work on signage, work with MALT and town to increase trails in town. Wonders about funding from Battell Trust, how it works, what is the process to possible grants around trail development. Tony Riffle, head of the trust. Make sure trails available for all levels of skill and age. Wondering about opportunities for collaboration with Parks and Recreation. Wondered about trails connecting E. Midd and Midd. Dustin will follow up.

Facility Updates

- Harold Curtis Basketball Court- contract approved to begin construction in the spring 2019- lots of improvements with fencing to discourage driving on court
- Picnic Shelter- contract has been signed- will be near tot lot and basketball hoops (same as picture in packet but w/o cupola) hopefully completed and useable by high school graduation
- Dance Floor @ Rec Center- sprung floor has been installed for dance classes, great reviews so far. Collaboration with Silver Maple and Crystal, she held a fund raiser.
- Pool- putting a bid together to get all new plumbing, will add new sheetrock and paint mural, climbing wall to deep end added (12 feet wide by 10 feet high), diving board to be removed.

Summer Staff

- Dustin shared a brief update on seasonal staffing and feels they are in pretty good shape with Camp Kookamunga but could use a few more life guards. Emphasis will be on hopefully finding some older lifeguards.
- The department is looking for an assistant gardener to help Lily this summer, please pass along any recommendations

Budget Snapshot

- Dustin provided an update on the FY 18-19 budget and feels they are tracking well in both expenditures and revenue. Revenue down slightly due to changes in some program scheduling and other factors.

Program Updates

- Dustin explained that the ratios that instructors get paid is changing this spring. For FY 19 most instructors will receive 75% and in FY 20 most instructors will receive 70%. Currently instructors receive 80% which is well above national average.
- Scott talked brief about some new programming the department is offering including a Parkinson's support group and some new in-service day programming
- Dustin and Scott explained they were experiencing some difficulties collecting payments for facility rentals. Moving forward parties will need to be paid in full before the event

Adjourned 6:45pm