

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting 9/5/18

Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM

Tyler called the meeting to order. In attendance:

Tasha Pinkham  
Tyler Stewart  
Eddie St. John  
Jonathan Whitehouse  
John Hackett

Ryan French, Dan Peacock, and Kyle Barrett came in to give us a recap of each of the programs they were responsible for this summer. All seemed have gone well. They explained some of the issues they dealt with, nothing too serious, but things they will be cognizant of when they begin preparations for these programs next year. All of these programs generated significant revenues.

There was some discussion regarding the fact that we can't accommodate all the children that express an interest. For the Extreme Camp there were 18 kids "wait listed". This program generated \$16K+. The question brought up by Ed St. John was if those 18 were paid the participation fee would additional profit be worth the cost of the use of an RSU 21 bus every day. Ryan explained that there are other variables that would have to be considered such as having an additional Recreation employee to handle the numbers.

The Youth Center will be opening this week. Ryan French will be visiting KHS and MSK to let the 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students know what's going on and simply generate interest. There are plans being put in place to expand the space available for this age group. We will no longer offer Adventure Club with the start up of Pre-K at KES. So, the older kids can now utilize this space. Ryan said he had seen a 157% increase in participation.

Youth Soccer - there are 220 children signed up for our soccer program. Ryan does have a concern that he is thin on coaches - specifically for the older kids.

We were informed of some exciting new programs being offered this fall - Tennis, Build-a-bike and a sports/arts leadership course. We will be working with the Community Bike Center (CBC) in Biddeford to get participants 12 hours (over 6 weeks) of time with their mechanics to learn how to repair and maintain bikes. The leadership program is designed to teach and enhance leadership skills that we hope will make the participants more employable and gain access to community leadership opportunities for community service credits.

As the meeting was coming to a close, Chairperson Tyler Stewart informed us that he was going to have to step down as he was moving out of town to pursue some other opportunities. This led to a discussion about getting new members to serve on the committee. The big question is how do we get the right people to know we are looking for people to sit on the committee. We all felt it was important get people that have

kids that are currently participating in the town's Recreation programs. We also would like to get a couple of KHS students to join us as well.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM