

# TOWN OF HIGHGATE

## Parks and Recreation APPROVED MINUTES September 2, 2015

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ty Choiniere at 6:00 pm.

Present at meeting:

- **Parks and Recreation Board Members:** Ty Choiniere, Danielle Pothier, Karen Gagne Fortin

### II. AGENDA

#### A. Public Comments

No public comments.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

No new or existing items to discuss.

#### C. Old Business

Soccer has been a great success with approximately 80 children signed up. The first practice is to be held Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> with high schoolers with helping with practice. Ty ordered 90 shirts at \$6.25 as well as 38 soccer balls, 3 ball bags, 24 pinnies and 4 nets. For the end of the season, we would also like for children to receive medals. Motion made by Ty Choiniere to purchase medals and not to exceed \$150. Danielle seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Away games are scheduled with Swanton and Sheldon for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams. It's also been organized for a photographer to take team/individual photos that parents can purchase. For next season we will change cutoff date to Mid-August and include disclosure that refunds will only be granted prior to the end of the first week of practices. There are 23 kids signed up for Cross Country. This coming spring we will need to discuss the upkeep of the walking path.

Parks and recreation is in desperate need of a storage building. Our goal is to have a proposal together by November as there are funds earmarked in the budget for this type of project. Discussion of a 20 x 26 building with a 12 x 16 office. Since the

building would be used by MAHA and Little League, we will seek their financial support as well.

No one has yet committed to joining the board. Danielle and Karen to attend open house and promote P&R activities and recruit members.

The park located next to the Town office contains 11 benches and 4 tables. Would like to create a more inviting environment for the Falls park and looking to pursue new benches and tables. Motion made by Karen Gagne Fortin to purchase solar flag pole lights not to exceed \$100/piece. Danielle seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Danielle is working with Wendi to add a calendar to the Towns website which will list Parks and Recreation events, as well as looking into adding online registration to the website.

Motion made by Karen Gagne Fortin to approve July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Ty Choiniere seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **D. New Business**

Discussion and interests for new sports/programs: youth wrestling, pickle ball, shuffle board, ultimate Frisbee and archery.

Ty to invite Brian Spears, Shelly Laroche and Krissy Tatro to next meeting to discuss budget and basketball.

Next Parks and Recreation meeting scheduled for October 6th at 6:00 pm at the Highgate Public Library.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ty Choiniere to adjourn the meeting. Karen Gagne Fortin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously at 7:30 pm.

Minutes typed and submitted by Danielle Pothier

Minutes approved by:

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Date