

# TOWN OF HIGHGATE

## Parks and Recreation APPROVED MINUTES March 8, 2016

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ty Choiniere at 6:05 pm.

#### Present at meeting:

- **Parks and Recreation Board Members:** Ty Choiniere, Danielle Pothier, Liza Comiskey and Brian Spears
- **Guests:** Krissy Tatro, Richard Flint

### II. AGENDA

#### A. Public Comments

No public comments.

#### B. Treasurer's Report

Budget was approved as is at Town Meeting.

#### C. Old Business

Ty Choiniere motioned to approve February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes. Liza Comiskey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RiseVT assisted with walking path signage. Ty will present this month to Selectboard and School Board for approval. At a later date, will work with RiseVT and School Board as to how we can make a safer walking path.

Have yet to receive pricing on Bandstand which will be placed in the Falls Park for Summer Sounds. \$6,700 in the budget allocated for this project/purchase.

#### New Business

Liza shared her goal of a health/fitness/recreation sports these program this summer. Would like to run a 3-day free running camp and would only charge for cost of a

shirt. Recreation Committee interested and supports this endeavor. Would also like to market/promote use of walking/running path for children and families by identifying a running/walking night. Richard would like to host a cross country meet using the walking path and adjoining field. Teams could be broken out into the following grades 1-6, 5-6, and 7-8<sup>th</sup>. Could also invite other teams to participate. In order to coordinate this and use adjoining field would first need to check with the Highgate School Board and Ag Advisory Board and then Richard would follow up with School board. Parks and Recreation Committee is interested in sponsoring/organizing this event as the cross country program that the Library organizes will continue to be offered and has been successful.

Ty mentions interest in having Parks & Recreation hosting/sponsoring/organizing a 5K/fall activity/harvest festival. Other similar and successful events occur at Hard'ack. Liza to look more into sponsoring/organizing a running event/fun run. Parks and Recreation would provide water and gatorade. Would need to also purchase stop watch.

Indoor soccer to start April 18<sup>th</sup> and end May 21<sup>st</sup> (includes spring break). Turf should be installed by the 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Will be offered to ages 4 – 14. Ty to contact Linda from Swanton Recreation regarding volunteer coaches. Towns to invite would include Swanton, Franklin, Sheldon and Highgate to participate. If players are still needed, then will also invite kids from St. Albans. Concerns regarding competition between softball/baseball, but will see how it goes this first time around.

Spring clean-up needed for walking path and to include touching up spots with stone. Will also like to pull up guard rail in front of arena and replace with shrubbery.

Next Parks and Recreation meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Highgate Sports Arena.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ty Choiniere to adjourn the meeting. Brian Spears seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously at 7:14 pm.

Minutes typed and submitted by Danielle Pothier

Minutes approved by:

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Date