

TOWN OF HIGHGATE

Parks and Recreation APPROVED MINUTES August 18, 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
- **Guests:** Brian Spears, Linda Cross and Krissy Tatro

II. AGENDA

A. Public Comments

No public comments.

B. Treasurer's Report

No new or existing items to discuss.

C. Old Business

63 children have signed up for soccer thus far. Soccer season will start week of August 31st and go until October 17th. Krissy to get back to Ty about practice days, times and games based on coaches' availability. Age groups will be split up into two groups (preK – 1st grade and 2nd – 4th grade). Will need at least 4 coaches for each group. Krissy will be reaching out to several parents to coach. Ty received a quote from grizzly graphics for \$6.75/shirt based on the number of children signed up. Will need to order a couple extra for any children who sign up once school starts. Grizzly Graphics will need \$15 for the screen print and is currently 2 weeks out. Will need for Shelley to cut a check in order to get shirts printed in time for when the season starts.

Equipment needed for the soccer season include balls (Size 4 per Krissy), nets and pennies. Kevin Smiths has balls for \$10/ball. Brian said to hold off on purchasing balls until he is able to contact the voltage to see if they would donate balls. Ty priced out 4 x 6 nets for \$250. Linda Cross suggested pricing out equipment on the internet rather than relying on sports equipment magazines. Krissy has pennies for this year,

but we may want to purchase pinnies specifically for P&R next year. For the first week of school, Krissy to place a reminder in the students Friday newsletter for last call of soccer registration.

Linda Cross from Swanton Recreation attended and provided information regarding Swanton's soccer program. Students are playing on Coed teams, on a 180' x 135' field with 7 kids on a team (includes goalie). Their 3 & 4th grade team is looking to play other towns, such as Highgate and Sheldon. Swanton 3 & 4 Jamboree will be held October 17th. Highgate's Jamboree for 5 & 6 will be held that day as well. Swanton Recreation has cleats for any kids in need.

Cross country starts week of 9/8 every Tuesday and Thursday until 10/1 from 3-4 pm.

Changes to last meeting minutes included specifying that 10% of cross country registrations were going to P&R funds. Also, indicating that any complaints regarding summer sounds concert in the park using the memorial as a stage should be directed to the Select board, rather than starting a petition. Motion made by Karen Gagne Fortin to approve August 4th meeting minutes. Ty Choiniere seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bylaws were reviewed and changes to specify that members need to attend 75% of meetings. Also, that public comments need to be included in the "Order of Business" section.

D. New Business

Katina and Greg Farnham have resigned from the P&R board. We now are looking for 4 volunteers to join the board. P&R will be present at MVU and Highgate Elementary open house to promote P&R activities and recruit members.

Next Parks and Recreation meeting scheduled for September 2nd 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 pm.

Minutes typed and submitted by Danielle Pothier

Minutes approved by:

Date