

TOWN OF HIGHGATE

Parks and Recreation APPROVED MINUTES December 2, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Liza Comiskey at 6:35 pm.

Present at meeting:

- **Parks and Recreation Board Members:** Liza Comiskey, Ty Choiniere, Danielle Pothier, Karen Gagne-Fortin, Chris Yates
- **Guests:** Tom Racine

II. AGENDA

A. Public Comments

There are no public comments.

B. Treasurer's Report

No new or existing items to discuss.

C. Old Business

Motion made by Karen Gagne-Fortin to approve November 4th meeting minutes. Ty Choinier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

We have coaches for the 3&4 boys and girls basketball program. So far, 13 girls and 8 boys have signed up. Games will be played against the Swanton team. This program is currently running though the Library and players were charged \$10 to cover cost of shirts. Children from neighboring towns are also signing up since Swanton is only available to Swanton residents. Still need coaches for grades 1 & 2.

Selectboard approved bylaws.

Park & Rec board to come to a budget proposal by the end of the month. Tom confirmed that we would be able to add a line item that would encompass all

programs. We will continue to run programs through the Library until new fiscal year which starts in July. Parks and Rec board to put together budget proposal. Things to consider: doggy pick-up bags for walking path, stone, equipment for programs, improvements for parks, equipment shed/building, etc.

D. New Business

Discussions to continue regarding the direction of the Parks and Recreation Program (responsibilities, facilities, programs, volunteers, etc.).

The Library has investigated the Town's smoking policy as there have been instances where people are smoking right outside the building. Liza Comiskey asked for Board's input in moving forward with a grant funded tobacco free program that will conduct an assessment of the situation (interview community members, etc.). In addition to adding No Smoking signs, the board agreed with the Library moving forward with this assessment.

Next meeting scheduled for January 6th at 6:30 pm.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ty Choiniere to adjourn the meeting. Karen Gagne Fortin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously at 8:00 pm.

Minutes typed and submitted by Danielle Pothier

Minutes approved by:

Date