



Carver Recreation Committee

Town Hall 108 Main Street

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Date: June 20, 2023,

Time & Location: 6:30 pm - Meeting Room 1

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Chairman: Mary Ross

The meeting called to order at @6:30pm

Attended the meeting was Emily Slavin, Recreation Coordinator

Mary Ross, Karl Miller, Caprice Desroches, Jackie Lake, and Anthony Fulmine

- Approval of May 30th Meeting Minutes - Karl Miller motioned to accept the amended minutes to correct Jackie Lakes name. Mary Ross seconded the motion, and all were in favor. One abstention of Anthony Fulmine.
- Operation Hero Update - Scheduled to be LIVE by July 1. It will be required that all Youth sports and field rentals will need to be entered into the new program. A notification will be sent out to each league once training is available. Emily Slavin will train the recreation Committee in August on how to use the program once she has had time to get into the system. School Dude will no longer be available, but John Ball will move over all items entered in in OM.
- Pickball Ball update - will not be on the conservations agenda tomorrow because Fuss and O'Neil's paperwork was not signed in time to notify abutters. We will be on next month's agenda.
- Carver Night Out table - Thursday, August 3rd. Emily will be looking into ordering an EZ Up for recreation along with the swag: (i.e., yo-yo, frisbees, bubble fans)
- Donation in John Rinella's memory - The committee discussed options of a picnic table with a memory plate at Shurtleff Park, a Pine tree for the grove also with a plaque or flowering tree, or a bench at the Playground—also, donation of a Gaga ball pit. Mary will discuss the options with the family.
- Clean of Ice Skating Rink - The committee just has to ask Dave S to move the rink for us when we are ready after Summer baseball.
- Summer possible free Event - I will discuss this at the next meeting.
- Discuss new Community Facilities Policy and Pricing - Update of discussions since the last meeting: Karl Miller has made a motion to revisit and put on hold the community facilities policy and pricing policy that was voted on at the May 30th meeting. Caprice Desroches seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Communication will go out to all leagues, and Ron Griffin explaining this year's fees which will remain at \$15 per player.

The Recreation Committee will continue to research the best way to price youth sports. No changes will be made prior to January 1, 2024.

- Field Maintenance Recent Concerns During this meeting, Dave Siendentopf was able to attend to meet with the committee and answer some questions and concerns.
 - Playground bathrooms out of order - on June 13, Emily has notified the bathrooms were out of order at 5:43 pm by Carver Cranberry Baseball League. She notified Dave Siendentopf at 6:30 pm. The pump had burnt out and needed to be replaced. A new one was purchased and installed on June 16th. Dave is also having the old one rebuilt for a backup pump. Emily also confirmed the bathrooms are cleaned twice a week.
 - Porta-Potties for Ponds - Dave S has asked Emily to order two porta-potties for Johns Pond, two for Sampsons Pond, and one for the Sampsons Ponds boat ramp. Emily will work on ordering them and have the invoice sent to Johnwoods DPW will be paying for these this year.
 - The Recreation Committee was asked to move all items out of the storage closet in the town hall and move them to the Fire Station. The committee has asked that they have locks on the places at the station that housed the important, expensive recreation items. Dave has said that they will have keys made for the hallway closet and the old chief office. The committee also asked Dave S to remove the broken black file cabinet from the deputy office and to move the green cabinet into it.
 - Dougout fixes - Emily will notify Dave S when the season is done for repairs to begin.
 - Mary Ross has asked Dave to come with the field and maintenance account totals. The current total is \$121,498.11; as of today, the balance of \$53,901.92. was used so far for Irrigation and fertilization for the school and town fields. This account is where all youth sports money is deposited and also has some money put in each year by the town budget. This account is used for not only Irrigation and fertilization but also repairs to the field, such as the invoice for the pump at King property will be paid out of this account. The recreation will meet with Dave quarterly to discuss any repairs needed at the fields and set priorities.
 - Fencing for Softball Fields - Dave S is calling tomorrow for an update on pricing, and the recreation committee will pay this invoice. The fencing should be fixed middle of August after the women's softball league is done.
 - Elementary sprinkler system update - Dave S had the company look at the system to start the process. They could not turn on the sprinklers due to field day at the school. This system is something that not just anyone can turn on. It is complex and complex, 100 zones, and not a residential or commercial system.
 - The committee discussed purchase street sprinkler concerns, and two heads will not shut off. Since there is no blueprint for the field system, they need to hire someone to assist with finding the zones. Emily has offered to reach out to Greener View Irrigation and put them in touch with Dave S so we can get this system up ASAP and ready for the fall season.
 - Emily has asked for a meeting with Dave to discuss league maintenance concerns. Dave S confirmed the grass is cut twice a week, depending on the weather. We asked for weed whacking to be completed once a week for dug-out areas and in-fields. The trash is also being picked up Fridays and Monday we will

be asking baseball to make sure trash is taken out of the dugout so that the trash is picked up. Mary asked Dave that we continue to monitor poison ivy in the backfield to make sure it is addressed. We have not had complaints but have been a problem in the past. The Flag Football League has also complained about Goose Poop at school. Dave said that they had used the coyote tactic in the past, but it did not help. They do not have a solution for this at this time. The committee also talked about Turf Maintenance. The DPW is maintaining this, and we will currently have someone coming out to fix the seams that have tears next week. The committee has asked Dave if we can reach out to the company that puts in the playground surface and see if they have an extended warranty. The committee would like to investigate how much this is.

- Spring Sports Payments - waiting on two leagues. Emily will send another message this week and cc the Chairman and Vice Chair on the emails. The leagues must pay for the current season to book fields for the new season.
- Summer Program Updates - we are offering science camp for two days in July and two days in August; we have various camps from 7/11/23 thru 8/17/23. Emily will continue to advertise for the camps in hopes of increasing numbers.
- The Chairman needed to bring up the Recreation-appointed member to the CPC since Karl Miller's term was up. Jackie Lake has nominated Karl Miller for another term to be recreations appointed member to the CPC; Anthony Fulmine has seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- Since the last meeting, Tackle Football reached out to Emily to see if she was aware of anything that could help them raise money for certified helmets and new uniforms. Jackie was able to find a Dicks Sporting Goods Grant that they could apply for. This was found via the grant software that recreation approved to pay a few meetings ago. Jackie will continue to look for grants that will help our community.

The meeting adjourned 9:04 pm