

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Director, Michael Pucowski, called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

Present were Commissioners: Chris Rosa, Candy Church, Jeff Feldman, and League Representative, Rosemary Tuohy

Absent were Commissioners, Chris Hall, Manny Quinoa and Secretary, Gina Tarascio

Meeting minutes were approved for October 10, 2017 and November 21, 2017.

Last year the town agreed to giving us \$10,000 in capital and \$30,000 in operating expenses. It was our understanding that whatever wasn't used in the operating expenses, we would have been able to put into capital. This is not the case. Of the \$30,000, Michael thinks Rec spent around \$20,000. Michael thinks he is going to ask for \$15,000 in capital and \$25,000 for operating expenses for this year.

Jim Kozimor, CFO, joined meeting to go over a few issues with dog park.

- Right now there is no line item for dog park on Rec budget. Michael talked to Ellen and she is starting registration. They discussed possibly going through Paypal. Michael mentioned that anything going through Paypal, the town keeps when someone registers. Michael believes that the Dog Park committee thought that when someone registers, that money is to be kept aside to be used for bags, seeds, etc. We would have to vote on putting \$1,000 - \$1,500 aside for true emergencies. The registration fee is \$25 for Allamuchy residents. It hasn't been decided, but registration fee for non-residents will be \$30 or \$35. On the registration form, there needs to be an area where owners certify that dog is safe to be around other dogs.
- Ann Marie has to put in an ordinance and the council has to adopt an ordinance of the fee schedule. The ordinance can include the fees, what is required for license, fines, etc. A resolution is needed to dedicate the fees strictly to the dog park.
- Jim's idea is starting next year, when the notices go out for dog licenses, the application for the dog park gets included. When people come in for dog license,

maybe they can buy their permit for the dog park at that time. Kim handles the licenses so maybe she can just collect the money for dog park. The dog owner can show proof of rabies and whatever else is required for both license and dog park. Jim will ask Kim to talk to the software provider for the dog license and see if they can add a field where they can record payment for registration. All the pertinent information would already be in system like owner's address, etc. We would have to work out how we would handle someone out-of-state.

- Candy mentioned that \$400 was donated for a kiosk and \$500 was donated for a bench.
- Jim will let us know what monies are left in donations.

Dog Park: Candy is pushing to open Dog Park in April. The plan is to have volunteers mow the grass with a hand mower the first time.

Basketball: Manny told Michael that there is nothing to report. Rosemary mentioned that Basketball Clinic will be every Saturday for 6 weeks K-2nd. Thirty kids signed up. Michael said Coaches Clinic this past Saturday was successful.

Soccer: Jeff said nothing to report.

Baseball: Chris reported early bird sign ups were two weeks ago. They are having a Coach Pitching Clinic on February 5th. Chris said a port a john is needed for far field for six weeks. Michael said, if approved, to put it by new shed so it's visible.

Softball: Michael reported he has a meeting Sunday, January 14 at 7pm in Washington to kick off season.