

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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

Present were Commissioners: Manny Quinoa, Chris Rosa, Candy Church, Jeff Feldman, and Abby Christmann. Jim Kozimor and Lisa Lomonaco were also present.

Absent were Commissioner, Chris Hall, Recreation Liaison, Rosemary Tuohy, and Secretary, Gina Tarascio

Michael made a motion to accept February and March minutes. All in favor.

Playground & Trail: Candy reported that playground is open. Trail is too muddy to use at this point.

Dog Park: Candy reported dog park is scheduled to open Sunday, April 15th at 1pm, weather permitting. A banner will be hung that says Allamuchy Dog Park now open, with website and phone number. Candy met with Jim Kozimor and the auditor, and the dog park will fall under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department. The volunteers are still collecting monies and handling the registrations, etc., but the dog park overall is still under the administration of the Recreation Department. Dog tags were purchased and all dogs are required to wear them. Kim is handling all the registrations. Registration will run on a calendar year. Dogs need to be registered every year. Dog tags will have dog park - 2018 on them. Tags will also be numbered. We currently have \$3,086.00 in the dog park fund. Candy asked Lisa for the cost of the security system and if there are any other expenses so they can be submitted for payment. There is only going to be one account for the dog park. Candy or Michael will approve all purchase orders. Jim asked that purchases not be made on credit cards, if possible. He would rather just pay the vendors directly. Michael gave Lisa some purchase orders so that she can get the receipts to Candy or Michael by the end of next week for approval. Jim said once Lisa gets him all the bills, he will charge them against the \$2,500.00 first, then the balance off of the donations, registration fees, etc., then the \$1,000.00. As mentioned at a prior meeting, the Recreation Department would budget \$1,000.00 for the dog park only if needed. If it is not going to be capital. If it is not used, it will not be carried over. It will be taken back by the town. AnnMarie asked Lisa to do a spreadsheet of name, address, dog name, phone number, and email address, and how they paid, which will be supplied to the Recreation Department. Lisa asked where the purchase orders are that went again the \$6,500.00? Jim said last year the Recreation Department offered up \$2,500.00 as a donation. A security system has been

purchased from Bull Dog for less than \$300.00 and installed for free. Rules and Regulations will be given out at next meeting to be voted on. A committee was created "Friends of the Dog Park". In order to be part of "Friends of the Dog Park", you must have a dog and be registered. They will be responsible for monitoring the dog park and clean-up. If anyone has any concerns, the member of the "Friends of the Dog Park" should say they do not have the authority to address, please call so and so at Town Hall and they will address it. T-shirts have been purchased so visitors know who to go to in the event there is a problem. Bill Barney and Jim Conzen are President and VP per say. A schedule will be created to keep track of who is available to monitor and do the clean-up. Batteries need to be replaced every three months for the security system. Bill will be responsible for changing batteries and replacing poop bags. Manny will ask if the "Friends of the Dog Park" needs to be formally under the Recreation Department as an organization and report back at the next meeting.

Basketball: Manny had nothing to report

Soccer: Jeff reported they have 3 teams, 24 kids. Practices started two weeks ago. First game was supposed to be this Saturday, but it is postponed a week because the field is a mess.

Baseball: Chris reported Colonial Little League opening day is Saturday, April 21 at 9am. The opening ceremony will be at the pit. Chris is going to try to do a tournament called the Colonial Cup with all 10 teams at the major's level. Chris mentioned for the All Stars having some type of distinction on the jerseys of what town they are from. For instance, an "A" for Allamuchy. Chris would like to get a motion to get a port-a-john between fields two and three. All in favor. Chris will order.

Softball: Abby reported finalizing rosters, one more girl to sign up. First game is Saturday, April 21st. Schedule went out today to the coaches for review. Far field is not needed for softball. Uniforms are being distributed. We need to order equipment and game balls. Michael will check the shed for balls. Some coaches said they didn't get keys for bathroom. Michael said they all got them, but he will make more. Michael will give vouchers to each coach for umpires.

Manny mentioned that Charlie, from the school said they are thinking about putting birdhouses on the trail at the school. He wanted to know if everyone was in favor of donating \$100.00 towards this as we haven't done anything for the school this year. All in favor.

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