

Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023 6:15PM

Deerfield Town Hall

Present: Beth Brown, Gretchen Bysiewski, Eileen Skribiski-Banack, Jeff Galli

Absent: Rod Warnick, Becky Zoly, Megan Washburn

Guest: Sue Antonellis

Meeting called to order by Gretchen

Motion made to accept minutes from August 22, 2022

Motion: Eileen 2nd: Beth Vote: Yes

2024 Budget: Town Administrator, Kayce Warren and Town Accountant Brenda Hill would like to make the recommendation to the Finance Committee to increase the Recreation Directors hours to 37.5. Sue has been working more hours than she is getting paid for and this is an attempt to be more fair and equitable for her efforts. She currently is paid for 34 hours per week. 2024 salary budget request \$63,108.

Motion to approve: Gretchen 2nd: Eileen Vote: yes

Basketball: Ben Barshefsky held a coaching and kids clinic that was well attended in December. Team #'s Grade 1-15 Grade 2- 16 Grade 3 & 4- 35 , 4 teams Grade 5 & 6- 30, 3 teams Grade 7-9- 23. 2 teams. There has been a significant increase in new players this year. There have been problems finding teams for grade 7-9 to play.

Valentine's Day Luminaries: Luminaries will be sold by the department bags & candles 10/\$10.00. February 14 6-? "You Light Up My Heart". There has been a new banner and sign placed on the common.

350th Celebration: The Friends of Deerfield would like to have a chicken BBQ on Sunday, June 18. The Recreation Department may be interested in providing a bounce house, slide and other entertainment for a couple of hours for the children. It was also suggested to have the event after the parade. Sue will have further discussion with FOD.

Ice Skating at Eaglebrook: Sunday nights, January 8-February 12, 5-6 pm, there have been between 15-50 people in attendance.

Berkshire East Skiing: There are 24 parents and kids participating in the program which offers, lift tickets, lessons and rentals.

Summer Program: The program will be held from July 3-28 from 9am-noon at Deerfield Academy. There will be an afternoon program of Artventures and Mad Science for 1 week . Sue needs to find a doctor to sign off on the health proxy.

Baseball & Softball Registration: Monday, February 15 5:30-6:30pm Town Hall, there will be clinics and assessments at DA field house

Pilates: new session January 10-March 28.

Eagle Scout Project: Sue was contacted by someone interested in performing a project for the town as their project. They will paint the shed at Sugarloaf and the trim on all the dugouts in May-June.

Food & Toy drive: Many toys were donated to True Christmas and food to the Franklin County Survival center.

Holiday Lighting contest: Not very many participants this year- probably won't have it next year.

Soccer: No issues during the soccer season. Hard time finding referees for the games, but the girls from V & JV stepped up.

Field Hockey: Sue will schedule some time in the DA field house during their break March 4-18.