

KILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MONDAY, APRIL 18th, 2016
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Betsey Bianchi Chairman
Steve Nisimblat Vice-Chairman
Mike Young
Andrew McKenna
Kristen Blodorn

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Schwartz Town Manager
Kim Peters Director of Parks & Recreation

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

AGENDA: Call to Order
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Guests
Correspondence
Recreation Director Update
 Welcome New Board Member
 Spring/Summer Schedules
Old Business
 Summer Camp Update
 Volunteer of the Year
 LGI Class
 Playground Update
New Business
 Annual Commission Organizational Tasks
Next Meeting Date
Adjourn

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

On a motion by Mike, seconded by Steve, the minutes of 3/7/16 were approved with a correction.

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

We have received confirmation that our grant application to RTP (Recreation Trails Program) has been approved for the full amount of \$50,000. There is a 20% matching funds requirement which amounts to about \$10,000. Steve will represent the Parks & Recreation Dept. at future meetings regarding bike trail projects. KMBC will be responsible for most of the bike trail maintenance.

Betsey welcomed our new board member, Kristen Blodorn, and also introduced our new town

manager, Deborah Schwartz. She explained the function of the Parks & Rec. Dept. and gave an overview of the various responsibilities and activities that fall under this department.

RECREATION DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Kim gave a broad outline of a new summer fitness challenge. Preliminary plans call for two levels and participation will be on an individual basis.

The grounds surrounding the pool, playground and playing fields are being prepared for the season with leaves being raked, picnic tables placed and general maintenance being done. The aquatic schedule is posted with these proposed dates in mind: June 4th/opening day; June 6th/KES party; June 13th/regular hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

At this time we have \$8800 of summer camp registration revenue compared to \$800 at this same time last year. The collaboration between the resort and the town regarding the summer camp programs seems to be a successful endeavor. Rutland Regional, General Electric and the surrounding towns have been targeted with marketing materials and the fact that one can make a registration at the resort and register for camp are important factors. All counselors have been hired and Cassidy Tedeshi has been named Director.

New dates for the Lifeguard Instructor Course that Kim will be attending are May 9th through May 11th. She plans to offer a class May 23rd through May 26th. A participant must be 15 years old by the time class is finished. There is a need for about \$1000 worth of equipment. This cost will be covered by the proceeds from future classes.

The playground will be constructed at the end of the summer. Meanwhile the present equipment will be checked for safety.

NEW BUSINESS:

A unanimous vote in favor of Betsey remaining as Chairman followed a motion by Steve and seconded by Andrew nominating her for his position. Likewise, a unanimous vote for Steve remaining as Vice-Chair followed a motion by Mike and seconded by Andrew. Mike Young asked to be relieved of the balance of his term. Gerrie Russell is able to complete the remaining term but has requested that the financial records of the Killington Active Seniors be integrated into the recreation department finances. Kim will check with Mona to find the simplest way forward in this matter.

Boys soccer will start on April 19th with practice tuesday and thursday. These days are flexible and can be changed. The girls play at Darkside.

Kim will need help with two events that are already on the calendar. The first is the Senior Games scheduled for Sunday, August 28th and will be a pentathlon. It is a regional event and the goal is 75 participants. August 27th is the date for our triathlon for children. Kim has also been working a lot with KES to have more fund raisers and would like a commission member to attend some Keepers meetings. A proposed fund raiser is BIG RIG or TOUCH A TRUCK. Monies earned would be split 50/50 between KES and the Rec. Dept.

The commission went into executive session at 8:32 pm. with that session ending at 8:46 pm.

Gerrie asked that the celebration luncheon in honor of the KAS who participated in the Red Dot

Program be held on Thursday, May 19th at the Long Trail Brewery. Kim will check the number of participants and purchase a gift certificate. The seniors are also interested in a golf program. The suggestion was a group clinic and then playing three holes. Perhaps this would lead to new GM members. The book club co-sponsored by the KAS and the library is up to 16 participants.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 2nd at 7:00PM.

On a motion by Betsey seconded by Mike the meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted
Gerrie Russell