

KILLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MONDAY, July 11th, 2016
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Steve Nisimblat Vice Chairman
Kristen Blodorn
Gerrie Russell

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

GUESTS: Tucker Zinc

PUBLIC PRESENT: Scott, Heather and Matthew Harvey

AGENDA: Call to Order
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Guests
Correspondence
Recreation Director Update
4th of July
Pool Party
Chili Cook Off
Camp
Old Business
New Business
Next Meeting Date
Adjourn

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

On a motion by Kristen and seconded by Steve, the minutes were approved as written.

GUESTS:

Tucker Zinc, Manager of Dark Side, a local business, presented the idea of a Skate Board Park in Killington. He would like a free park in a highly visible location preferably on or near the Access Road. There is a possibility that land in the vicinity of Ravine Road, owned by Killington Resort can be considered. Skate Boarding has been very popular at our summer camps this year and is reflective of a national trend. Cost is determined by the size and design of the facility and applying for grants is a possibility.

Deb Schwartz, our Town Manager, has the task of reviewing and updating The Strategic Operating Plan. This is a plan previously adopted by the Selectboard and ideally updated with input from the town commissions. A discussion followed on how the Recreation Department fits into this plan. We provide dependable and efficient services to residents, non-residents and tourists. This contributes to increased tourism and year round employment. The Recreation Department also supports the growth of our tourism based economy.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kim has received a thank you note and a \$100 donation from the Koningisor family, who used our facilities to celebrate their 42nd family reunion. She also received another thank you note from the Varner family who enjoyed our 4th of July celebration.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The 4th of July Celebration was a success. Northstar did a spectacular job with the fireworks and
 - feedback was all positive. Kim counted approximately 200 more attendees than last year. It was suggested that music be included in next year's parade, specifically a bagpiper and perhaps an ensemble from the Killington Music Festival.
 - There will be a pool party this Friday, July 15th, from 6-8 pm, for the eight to thirteen age group. Parents are not required to stay. There will be games such as pool volleyball and quarter drop.
 - Plans for the Chili Cook Off are in place with recipes being submitted. Kim is aiming for 12 to
 - 15 participants as last year. Vince from Boss Works will emcee. The Resort will provide beer for sale and the recreation dept. will provide water and soda for sale. This is a fundraiser for scholarships and tickets will be \$10 for one, \$15 for two and \$25 for a family.
 - We are at the \$35,000 mark in camp revenues which has far exceeded our expectations. The
 - Rutland Limousine Service has been great, providing at least one, sometimes two 15 passenger
 - vans. There have been small challenges, which Kim has made note of, and she has confidence the problems can be solved. We have added many activities to the camps including skate boarding, hiking, art classes, yoga, swimming, library programs, field games and free time. The
 - The Adventure Center is also part of the program.
- About 40 swimmers participated in the first swim meet with the boys coming in first in their event and the girls second.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been comments on the frequency of the Tapestry Program from Rutland using the pool facilities. To clear up any misunderstanding the program is on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Gugenberger, Principle of KES, has asked to start a dialog regarding a potential after school program. Challenges might be staffing and financial considerations.

The Lookout served 87 lunches to the KAS during the month of June. The annual senior picnic will be Thursday, August 4th, at 4:30 pm. The firemen donated hamburgers and hot dogs and the seniors will provide salads and desserts. The group will proceed to the Thursday night concert at the library after the picnic.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2016.

On a motion by Kristen, seconded by Steve, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Gerrie Russell