

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013

Present: Mark N., Ed K., Vern M., Jim M., Jim L., Louise C., Shelly C., Jane W., Cait M., Jessica B.
Guest: Jen Goldblatt

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. The committee enjoyed a potluck dinner during the meeting. We will have to do this again sometime soon.

Meeting minutes approved.

The committee welcomed 2 new members, Cait MacDonald & Jane Wilson. We look forward to working with you both. This now leaves only 1 opening on the committee.

Recreation Department Updates:

The charge for the Kimball Cabin Committee has been written and approved by the BOS. The committee selection process is still ongoing and should be completed by Oct. 18th.

Jessica updated the committee that the thank you letter was sent out to Byron for his help with repairing the turkey.

The new recreation software is in the process of being installed. This new software will allow for online registrations, credit card payments and easier tracking of payments.

Fall Programs:

Laser Tag has been scheduled for Oct. 28th at the Kimball Cabins.

Jessica was contacted by Brenda Lewis to ask if she would be interested in a state grant for a 2-day program called Farm Quest. It will be held at Beech Hill Farm on Sept. 26th & 27th.

The Active Jr. Theatre program will be hosting 2 holiday plays. The Christmas Carol and Brian the Christmas Tree will be presented on Dec. 6th. Registrations are now open. Louise asked Jessica if this group would be interested in developing a play that would represent the town's 250th Celebration. Jessica will get them in contact with the 250th committee.

Jessica will start to add to the website under programming that scholarship money is available for all programs to anyone who qualifies. In the past only the summer camp program offered this benefit.

Old Business:

The Hopkinton Holler will be held at Harold Martin School Oct. 26th from noon to 3:00 p.m. Jen Goldblatt, President of the PTA, came to the meeting to discuss the PTA selling refreshments. They will need to have an area where their tables have access to electrical outlets for the crockpots. We provided feedback from last year regarding the cost of some of the food items, especially the price of chili. Jen will discuss this at their next meeting and price food items accordingly. Jen will get back to Jessica once the parade route has been established. Vern will oversee the event again this year. Each member volunteered for specific job responsibilities and volunteers will be sought to fill in areas as needed. Several committee members will meet at the cabins Oct. 12th at 8:00 a.m. to remove Halloween decorations that will be used at Harold Martin. Next we will proceed to Harold Martin School to establish the new layout for the event.

Jessica updated the committee on the progress at the Spirit Skate Park. Four and a half ramps have been removed and the hope is to have the park safe to open again by late Oct. to celebrate its 10th year anniversary.

New Business:

Oct. 18th there will be a family pumpkin carving at the Slusser Center at 4:30 p.m. and the cost of the pumpkin will be \$12. The event will be followed up with a free movie "Hotel Transylvania" at 6:00 p.m. Concessions will be available.

Jessica is looking into the possibility of having a Daddy Daughter Dance toward the end of January. She will keep us posted as the details develop.

March 8th will be Hopkinton night at the Monarch's game vs. Providence Bruins. One of the night's events will be the High Five Tunnel where 30 – 40 Hopkinton children will be selected to participate.

The potential date for the 2nd annual Funnelator will be Feb. 15th. Last year's event was a great success and we are looking forward to it. Jim M. will be the event organizer again this year and will keep us posted as the details are worked out.

February is Black History month and the movie "42" will be shown Feb. 1st. Mark N. will be contacting the elementary schools to see if they would be interested in having special activities to help celebrate Black History month.

The next scheduled meeting is Oct. 29th 6:30 p.m. at the Slusser Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.