

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2010

5:15pm

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), David Olivas, Molly Mulhern, Jeff Kuller and Morgan Laidlaw (Select Board liaison), Sharon Gilbert, Brian Robinson, Beth Ward and Duncan Matlack

Excused: Jen Conover

Ray opened the meeting at 5:25pm

David moved to accept the March 3, 2010 meeting minutes, Sharon seconded the motion, and it passed.

Committee Reports

Megunticook Rowing: The rowing program went to the Select Board and asked for a license agreement to use property in Barrett's Cove again this season. The Select Board approved the license agreement. The rowing club presented a site plan with a woods path, clearing to store the rack of shells, and a float on the water. The club would like to be on the water by May.

RMRA Redevelopment: Jeff reported that the building committee will be meeting on Friday, April 9th. The committees have had a lot of discussions about the aesthetics and sustainability of the project. The land use committee reviewed all the on the hill costs, i.e. snowmaking, lighting, lifts. They recommend going ahead with the plan that is approximately 10% over budget.

US National Toboggan Championships™: Jeff reported that the follow-up meeting and celebration dinner was a success. The rules committee will present their proposed rule changes at the next meeting on April 16th.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan: Subject was tabled for future discussion.

Playground Equipment: Jeff and Beth met with the West Bay Rotary. Most, if not all, of the old equipment from the Rockport Elementary school is not useable or does not meet current playground standards. A focus group will be formed to research different playground designs and to choose an appropriate one for our users.

New Business:

Zip Line Adventure Park: Jeff discussed the proposal from the group in England. The committee suggests to do more research and to come back to the committee with more information.

Summer Rec Camp: Beth reported that the town of Rockport cut their tuition subsidy from their budget. The Rockport residents will have to pay full non-resident prices this summer. Jeff suggested capping enrollment at 50 children to fit on one bus, in order to save on that expense. In recent years enrollment has been in the 60's. The committee wants Camden residents to have priority for enrollment and a waiting list for non residents.

Financial Report: Jeff reported that the Select Board has cut the \$20,000 Snow Bowl Fundraising Match to \$15,000.

Upcoming Events:

National Trails Day - June 5th

Community Yard Sale - June 12th

Adjournment: Duncan moved that the meeting be adjourned, David seconded the motion, and it passed at 7:30pm

Upcoming Meetings: Wednesdays, May 5th, June 2nd and July 7th at 5:15pm in the Code Office.

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward.