

Newport Parks and Recreation

October 14, 2021

Present at Meeting: Jennifer Smith, Jaime Comtois, Debbie Smith, Kelli Rhodes

Absent: Shari Lee Ryan, Chad Prue, Mandy Chaput

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Jennifer Smith.

Review of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the 9/23/2021 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

- No members of the public present to provide comment(s).

Fundraising Update:

- Bottle Money for Gardner Park Playground Maintenance
 - Buzzy's for September \$28.40
 - Thompsons for July- September \$289.38
 - Jimmy Kwik for July- September \$147.15
- Buzzy's mail in a check- someone needs to pick up money at other two locations- Deb offered to do Jimmy Kwik and Jen will take care of Thompson's.

Program Debrief:

- None

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

- None

Fundraising:

- Ice Shack Raffle
 - Jaime to reach out to Vaughn to find out pricing/ordering details
 - Jenn to reach out to city to find out how many tickets we have on hand
 - Would like to have tickets available to sell as stocking stuffers for Christmas
 - Question- do we wish to still have funds raised go towards the new playground even though we've already met that fundraising goal or should funds go toward recreation projects? What do the tickets say on them?

Public Recreation:

- Pumpkins in Pomerleau Park

- Community Bank sponsored event
- Columbia Forest Products provided candy for goodie bags
- Committee spent time filling 100 goodie bags to be ready for Saturday's pumpkin pickup
- Kelli, Jenn and Chad will volunteer for pumpkin pickup on Oct 16th from 1:30-4:00 and the wastewater treatment facility.
- Carved Pumpkin drop off will be held 10/23 from 2-4 PM at Pomerleau Park- Judging to happen at 5 PM
- All set with judges, three levels for each age group
- Pumpkins will be lit through Halloween
- Bike Rodeo
 - No new updates
 - May 2022 date

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office:

- Playground update: We remain optimistic that we will break ground in spring of 2022- engineers are getting closer to a solution to the environmental study results that also doesn't interrupt floodplains.
- Michael Brown, New Director of Recreation begins October 25th- we'd like to get him a Vermont made gift basket as a welcome gift. Deb to check around locally to see what's already available for

Other Business:

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jenn if you have ideas, she will be happy to add it to the agenda.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 5:30pm. Please let Jenn know at least one week in advance if you can't make it.