

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
April 14, 2019 | 6:00 PM

Present at Meeting: Marin Gardyne, Mike Nolan, Dave Jankowski, Vaughn Cloney, Jennifer Smith, Shari-Lee Ryan and Adam Thurston

Absent: Deb Smith, Nicole Gratton, Jaime Comtois, Margarita Brown

Guests: Jessica Booth, Laura Smith, Mike Welch, Laura Dolgin, Paul Monette, Pam Ladds

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Minutes from last meeting were approved by Jenn and seconded by Mike.

Fundraising update: Monthly funding update \$5,365.75. Bowling Tourney took in \$845.75 with 18 teams. \$49 donation via online. The Parks & Rec office has also received a \$5,000 anonymous donation which will be applied to the Gardner Park Restoration project.

Event & Program Debriefs: Ice Out signage and selling tickets at local businesses/during events helped a lot with sales (like the Elks corn-hole tournaments. Bowling Event - we made \$7.00 per person, 90 people - profit with food sales was roughly \$845.

We had a public meeting for the VCDP Grant which, if awarded will be available to use toward the Garder Park Project during the summer of 2020 for up to \$100,000.

Event & Program Planning: Mother-Son Dance: Dave's Dj will do the music for free. The dance is May 17th 6-8 PM at the Gateway and Randi Lee will be doing the photographer. We are hoping for a \$5-600 profit. Motion to approve by Shari and seconded by Mike.

City Wide Yard Sale hosted by NPR is scheduled for May 25th and 26th from 9-2pm and set up will be Friday. The committee decided not to set up a station this year.

AquaFest: We decided on 8084 for the band. It will be July 27th. The band is charging \$7,500 and they will need 4 hotel rooms. We are looking to ask for sponsorship and perhaps help from Catamount Arts. Motion to approve Aquafest plans motion by Shari and seconded by Dave.

We discussed a possible Golf Tourney for September 21st at 1pm. There would be 72 people, \$50+ per person. Shari and AJ motioned to discuss this at a later date.

Shari spoke of the Bottle Drive Bins and perhaps some high school students to build them for a discount on gym time. Vaughn would also like to explore the idea of a Basketball Tourney.

The next meeting will take place on May 16th. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.