

GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 4, 2019

Present: Herb Greene, Thom Francoeur, Peter Allen, Lisa Manz-Buckley, Tracey Blandford, Dave Smith, Rick Nelson, Sue King, and Miriam York

Excused: Jim Glover

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

1. Peter, Tracey, and Lisa were appointed as voting members as Rick and Dave were not present at the beginning of the meeting.

2. **Minutes:**

Peter made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting as written. Thom seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

3. **Programs Updates:**

Herb reviewed the director's report. The Youth Basketball finished the regular season this past week. The members of the All-Star Committee discussed some of the problems and concerns that they have been having. There was a lengthy discussion about possible changes. The ski and snowboard program will finish up tomorrow and the senior momentum program has been going well. Herb discussed plans for a full moon snowshoe hike being co-sponsored with the Gilford Library. This will take place the week before vacation. During February vacation a fun day of games and a movie as well as the Annual Cardboard Box Sled Derby are planned.

4. **2019 Budget discussion:**

The upcoming budget schedule is the Deliberative Session on February 5th at 7:00pm. To be held in the High School Auditorium. Town voting will take place on March 12th and the Gilford Youth Center.

5. **Ice rink:**

The rink has been up and running, the recent warmer weather has slowed things down. The first week of curling went well with 10 participants, second week was too warm but the third week had 12 participants.

6. Gilford Beach:

The Selectmen approved the Rec. Commission's recommendation regarding a proposed picnic table donation by the Connelly family. Deirdre Connelly was okay with the Commission's changes to her proposal. There will be a new beach manager this year and Herb is working on the replacement. Several lifeguards have indicated that they will return. Last year's concession stand operator will be issued a contract for this coming year.

7. Other business:

Herb summarized some of the sessions he attended at the conference last week. One activity was knockerball that seemed to be a possibility for Old Home Day. Miriam questioned Sue on her feelings about adding more hours to her duties as well as Kristins.

Next meeting scheduled for **March 4, 2019 at 5:30**

Meeting adjourned at 6:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York
Secretary

Enclosure: Director's Report

Director's Report for February 4, 2019

Programs

Numbers in our Adult Volleyball program have dropped a little following an extended layoff due to the holidays as well as a weather cancellation. That said, we are still averaging about 16 participants each week through the month of January. Our Youth Basketball Program has been going very well, with our regular season is scheduled to wrap-up on February 2nd. All-star teams have been selected and each team will be playing in one away tournament at the end February as well as our Francoeur/Babcock Tournament in early March. We are currently running a six week Jr. Picasso Pre-School Art Program that we are co-sponsoring with the Gilford Youth Center. This program runs through February 22nd. Our Senior Moment-um program continues to have good participation, with over 50 participants scheduled to attend our Middle School Dinner and Show program that will be held on January 30th. Our Senior Walking program continues to have steady attendance as well. Our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard program has gone well thus far, although we did have to cancel this first week due to dangerous travel conditions. As a result we've extended our program by one week and we'll wrap up on February 5th. Our X-Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park began on January 5th and is scheduled to wrap-up on the 26th. Our adult snowshoeing program has gotten off to a slow start. After a good first week, we had to cancel the second week due to cold weather and questionable travel conditions. We're hopeful this program will pick back up if the weather cooperates. Our curling program had a good first week, but stalled when we had to cancel the second week due to mild temperatures. As with the snowshoeing program, we hope this picks back up if weather and ice conditions improve. The numbers for the programs we've run the past month are as follows:

- Adult Volleyball – About 16 Participants each week
- Youth Basketball Program – 102 Participants
- Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program – 93 Participants
- Senior Walking – About 6-7 Participants per week.
- Senior Moment-um T-Bones Trip – 19 Participants
- Jr. Picasso Pre-School Art Program – 12 Participants
- Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Lessons – 10 Participants
- Senior Moment-um Soup & Service Link – 26 Participants
- Weeks Woods Snowshoe Hike – 7 Participants
- Ramblin' Vewe Snowshoe (canceled due to conditions)
- Senior Moment-um Winter Pot Luck – 25 Participants
- Senior Moment-um GMS Dinner and Show – 55 Participants Expected
- Adult Curling – 10 Participants 1st week, 2nd week canceled

Planning and registration is underway for a number of additional upcoming winter programs. Kristin and Sue have a few upcoming Senior Moment-um programs planned through the month of February. We're partnering with the Gilford Youth Center to offer an organized play program geared towards younger preschool students. We have already started planning for a Family Full Moon Snowshoe Hike which we'll be co-sponsoring with the Gilford Library. Planning I also underway for a couple February Vacation Programs including a Vacation Fun Day, and our Annual Cardboard Box Sled Derby. Our Celtics Bus Trip is also scheduled during

the week of February Vacation. We still have two tickets available for this trip. Here is a list of planned programs for the end of January and February and the dates they will run:

- Indoor Recess Preschool Program begins on January 31st
- Youth Basketball Rec Season Continues through February 2nd
- Senior Moment-um Hart's Turkey Farm trip on February 4th
- Adult Snowshoe Hikes continue on Tuesdays as trail conditions allow
- Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program continues through February 5th
- Senior Moment-um Game Day and Appetizers on February 11th
- Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie on February 18th
- Family Full Moon Snowshoe Hike at GES Nature Trail on February 19th
- Jr. Picasso Pre-School Art Program runs through February 22nd
- Vacation Fun Day on February 26th
- Cardboard Box Sled Derby February 27th
- Boston Celtics Bus Trip on February 27th
- Adult Curling runs every Thursday through February 28th
- Adult Pick-up Volleyball runs every Tuesday
- All Star Basketball Teams play tournaments through February and early March

Facilities

The Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink has been open steadily through the month of January. Although we did experience some soft ice during a brief warm spell, it was not bad enough to warrant closing the rink.

Coordinating with the Department of Public Works, we were able to open the beach gate for access winter recreational activities on Tuesday, January 15th. We have a portable toilet on site and the gate will remain open through the season.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director